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Australian leader's betrayal taunt

Keating attack on UK enrages war veterans

By Robert Cockburn in Sydney and Philip Webster

AUSTRALIA'S independence debate erupted yesterday when Paul Keating, the prime minister, accused Britain of abandoning the country to Japan during the second world war.

His speech, which caused uproar in the Camberra parliament, was delivered only two days after the Queen completed her 12th state visit to Australia.

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Mr Keating delivered the most forthright attack by an Australian prime minister against Britain and her conservative supporters here. The British government was last night trying to defuse the dispute which enraged MPs and servicemen's groups at

The president of the Far East Prisoners of War Association said he treated Mr Keating's accusations of betrayal with the contempt they deserved. Speaking from his home in Kent, Harold Payne said: "For a young man to say these things is very unwise. What on earth must the widows and next-of-kin, both here and in Australia, think?

DISIDE England triumph

favourites to win the World Cup after beating the West Indies by six wickets, with ten overs to spare. Chris Lewis was judged

man of the match after taking three wickets for 30 runs, Graeme Hick ended. a run of indifferent form with 54, and Graham Gooch made 65 ... Page 34

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Britain is to spend millions of pounds on technical advice and support equipment so that Russia can dismantle two-thirds of its nuclear armoury .. Page 16

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Senator Bob Kerrey is to attack the character and integrity of his presidential rival, Governor Bill Clinton, dashing hopes of a clean fight for the Democrat nomination..... Page 9

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Russian security officials have for the first time given details of how Soviet forces shot down two American spy planes over Armenia in the Fifties Page 10

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The British army major's wife who ran over his lover calmly cancelled arrangements with her babysitter after the killing, then of-fered tea to officers who arrested her, a court mar-tial was told Page 3

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It is very regrettable that such ill-chosen words were spoken. I was privileged to serve with Mr Keating's countrymen," he said. "We fought all the way down Malaya and did

our bit, as did they."
The dispute also spilled over into the Commons. John Major was asked by James Kilfedder, the Popular Unionist MP, to do his best "to defuse the present unhappy situation". The prime min-ister replied: "I will certainly undertake to do that. I agree entirely with you on that particular matter."

Mr Keating launched his attack in response to criticism about his address to the Queen on Monday, in which he set out his arguments for full Australian independence. Answering a taunt from John Hewson, the Liberal opposition leader, about his failure to respect royalty, Mr Keating said he had learnt to

respect Australia instead.
"I learnt about self-respect and self-regard for Australia," Mr Keating said to loud cheers, "not about some cultural cringe to a country which decided not to defend the Malaysian peninsula, not to worry about Singapore, not to give us our troops back to keep ourselves free from Japanese domination. This [Britain] was the country that

Liberal party leader, replied: tralia in the war was a flawed analysis of history. I naturally believe Australia has to make its own destiny, but that destiny can include the system of monarchy, which works very effectively."

Mr Keating, who was dis-playing his old parliamentary form for the first time since seizing power from Bob Hawke in December, poured scorn on conservatives who had pursued honours from Britain. "Even as they [Britainl walked out on you and joined the common market, you were still looking for your MBEs and your knighthoods and all the rest of the regalia that comes with it," he said. "You take Australia right back down the time tunnel to the cultural cringe where you've always come from." The prime minister was playing on public anger over



er tried to restore order. "I think the member for Bennelong is going to have a heart attack if his face goes any redder," he shouted hoarsely. The argument erupted after Mr Keating launched Labor's economic package to try to rescue Australia from its worst recession since the 1930s. In effect, both he and

Mr Hewson used the issue to

that was often as humorous

as it was viperous, the Speak-

divert attention from the economic argument. Mr Keating wants to inject \$Aus 2.3 billion (£991 mil-lion) of government funds into the alling economy, to kickstart a failing industrial sector and to provide 800,000 new jobs. He said he was committed to keeping inflation low and to ensuring that there was no rise in the

current account deficit. He said that Sir Robert Menzies, the prime minister in the 1950s, had paralysed Australia for a generation with his pro-British attitude.

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Man killed by police after PC is wounded

By Stewart Tendler and Adam Fresco

A MAN was shot dead by police marksmen after he wounded a constable in Suf-folk last night. The shooting is the eighth incident in the past six months in which police officers have opened fire and the fifth leading to a

According to Suffolk police the policeman, named as PC Keith Bottomley, was wounded yesterday afternoon in Bury St Edmunds, after being called to a domestic incident at a public house. The gunman fired at the constable and fled in a car which he is thought to have hi-

jacked, leaving the policeman wounded in the shoulder. PC Bottomley, who was lat-

er taken to hospital, managed to broadcast a description of the car and police headquarters at Ipswich alerted its mobile firearms team. The gunman's car was chased for three miles and was stopped near a housing estate.

Witness Martin Warren. aged 33, said: I saw police surrounding a car. I heard officers shout something and then I heard several shots four or five being fired." The Police Complaints Authority is investigating the incident.

US group infiltrates motorway protest

Protests at Twyford Down have brought fears of violence entering environmental politics Michael Dynes and Michael McCarthy report

Pears are growing that vio-lence may be brought into tics for the first time by an offshoot of a militant Amencan organisation which has become involved in the dispute over the M3 extension through Twyford Down in

Hampshire. Mainstream campaigners fear that after Saturday, when the buildozers are legally allowed to move into the environmentally protected parts of the construction site. a serious confrontation with the police may be provoked by members of the organisation Earth First!

Although the campaign against the motorway is attracting increasingly wideranging backing from senior establishment figures, the new group, relatively unknown in Britain, has at-tached itself to the issue in pursuit of a much higher

Farth First is a radical green movement which has had several of its members sentenced to prison terms in the United States. where it has a reputation for attempting to sabotage power stations, bring down electric-ity pylons, and insert metal spikes into trees about to be ogged, so that chainsaws ex-

plode on contact. A British version of the organisation has been set up. which now has 20 local groups and an estimated 400 supporters, a figure which has doubled in six months. The activists see themselves as grass-roots campaigners hostile to the "paid elites" of Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth, who, they feel, have been bought off by working within the establishment, and Continued on page 16, col 2

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a year dismay Tories

BY GEORGE SIVELLAND ROBIN OAKLEY

THE worst trade figures for a year, showing a monthly current account deficit of £794 million from £409 million in December, yesterday disheartened ministers. But senior Tories were quick to dismiss suggestions that the continuing stream of poor economic statistics would lead to the election being delayed after April 9, the date thought as most likely when John Major will go to the

country for a new mandate. The FT-SE 100 share index fell by three points to 2562.0. City economists had expected a slight widening in the deficit, arising from a fall in exports and a smaller fall in imports, to around £450 million. The pound rose 1.25 cents against the US dollar to \$1.7575 and 0.13 pfennigs

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The grim set of figures caused concern among ministers since it also comes at a time when the government has been failing to establish a firm lead in the opinion polls. In the Commons, Paddy Ashdown accused the government of "disgraceful paraly-sis" in the face of the recession. Gordon Brown,

said it was "another blow to the government's credibility, offering further confirmation of the depth of the recession and the long-term cost of the government's failure to act". He urged more investment in industry and positive action

to tackle unemployment. John Maples, the economic secretary to the Treasury, said that while it would have been 'nicer" to have had a better figure, "these are not inconsistent with what has been happening for the last few months". He described the trade figures as "erratic" and said that looking at one month's figures on their own was "very misleading".

January's deficit on visible trade, which excludes so called invisible items such as banking, insurance and tourism, was £1.1 billion, up from £700 million in December.

The value of exports fell 7.5 per cent to £8.3 billion and the value of imports fell 3 per cent to £9.4 billion. The oil surplus fell from £195 million to £156 million and the surplus on erratic trade items such as aircraft, ships and precious stones fell from £139 million to £25 million.

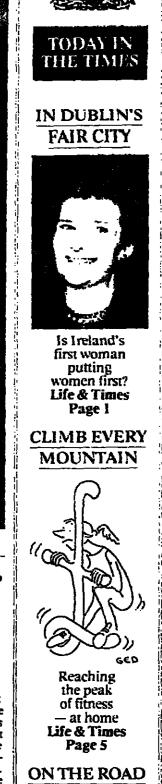
The figures were the worst since January last year, when

the current account deficit was £1.245 billion and the deficit on visible trade was £1.345 billion. Economists at the Central Statistical Office always prefer to draw attention to the quarterly figures. In the latest three months the implied current account deficit was £1.9 billion, against

£1.3 billion in the preceding three months. Over the past quarter, the value of imports was 0.5 per cent lower than in the previous three months, and the value of exports was I per cent lower than in the previous quarter, but 2.5 per cent higher than a year earlier. Visible trade clocked up a deficit of £2.8 billion over the past quarter compared with £2.6 billion in the previous

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Labour's trade spokesman. **Public sector pay rises** to outstrip inflation

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

often benefit from non-contributory pensions and enviable job security, are set to receive pay rises well ahead of inflation throughout the first half of the 1990s, according to a report from the Public Finance Foundation.

past is that only by inflation rising have real wages been kept within manageable proportions," said Chris Trinder. research director of the foundation. Low and stable infla-

PUBLIC sector workers, who tion will pave the way for an undeserved and economically damaging escalation in public sector pay settlements, he concluded.

Mr Trinder's report for the foundation, research arm of the public sector accountancy institute Cipfa, predicted that "The evidence from the public sector pay rises will exceed inflation by 3.4 to 4.3 per cent in every year to 1995-96. The heart of the problem lies in the long-evident tendency for public sec-Continued on page 16, col 4

awyers count cost of American graffiti

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN lawyers were awaiting a rush of new litigation yesterday after the Supreme Court, in a surprise decision, allowed pupils and students to sue their schools and universities for unlimited financial damages if they believe they are victims of sexual

bias or harassment. The unanimous ruling, which was unexpected given the conservative bent of the court, was acclaimed as "an enormous victory" by the National Women's Law Centre. "Victims are not going to have a problem finding a lawyer to bring suit," it

A 1972 law prohibited sex discrimination in schools and universities but lower courts had previously ruled out monetary damages, a fact which deterred parents and lawyers from pressing suits. In the only comparable case, a human rights com-mission in Minnesota last year ordered two schools to compensate two teenage girls who had com-plained that their names appeared in

sexual graffiti in the boys' lavatory. The Supreme Court ruling was a defeat for the Bush administration which had asked it to rule against the remedy. "Finally this Supreme Court has found a Bush position that is too extreme even for them," said Patricia Ireland of the National Organisation

of Women.
While feminists and homosexual activists said the decision would prove a powerful weapon in the war against bias, critics saw it as an open door to frivolous claims. For example, girls who fail to win a coveted place on the cheer-leading squad will be able to depict themselves as victims of sexual preferences and demand up

to millions of dollars in damages. Among the first test cases are certain to be claims from girls who demand a place on the football team and from boys who would like a slot in the cheer squad, legal experts said. Supporters point out, however,

that the ruling will prove a deterrent to the kind of sexual behaviour by teachers which was specifically covered in the court's decision. This involved a claim by a teenage pupil in Georgia who said that a sports teacher had coerced her into having sex with h**im**.

The court ruling covers suits in any educational establishment which re-

ceives federal funds, a category which includes all state and many private schools and colleges.
The advance of anti-bias suits into schools did little to dampen the anger of civil rights and black groups

over a decision by Clarence Thomas.

this week. In this, Mr Thomas joined Antonin Scalia in a dissenting opinion against the seven other justices in a case involving the beating of a

The majority ruled that the assault on a Louisiana prisoner by his guards breached the constitutional guarantee against "cruel and unusual punishment", while the two dissenters dismissed the prisoner's complaint as similar to griping about food and

other inconveniences of prison life. Mr Thomas has been criticised for his apparent failure to live up to his pledge during his controversial nomination hearings last year that as a black man he would bring to the court the understanding bred of

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Australian PM's onslaught condemned as unwise, offensive and historically inaccurate

Old soldiers and MPs leap to defend British reputation

OLD soldiers on this side of the world think that the Australian prime minister needs not so much a smack on his upstart Ocker bottom as a lesson in history.

Harold Payne fought his way down the Malayan peninsula, was captured at the fall of Singapore, spent three years at the unkind hands of the Japanese, and is now president of the Far East Prisoners of War Association. At his home at Tunbridge Wells, Kent, yesterday, Mr Payne said that he treated Paul Keating's remarks with the contempt they deserved and noted that Mr Keating was not even born at the time to which he had referred in the Canberra

parliament.

"For a young man to say these things is very unwise."

Mr Payne said. "What on earth must the widows and next-of-kin, both here and in Australia, think? It is very regretable that such ill-chosen words were spoken."

Mr Payne has recently returned from commemorating the 50th anniversary of the fall of Singapore at Kranji war cemetery, an event attended by a large contingent of Australian exservicemen with whom, according to Mr Payne, their British counterparts enjoy a warm and enduring relationship.

"I was privileged to serve with Mr Keating's countrymen." Mr Payne said. "We fought all the way down Malaya and did our bit, as did they.

did they.

"I was saddened when Britain cut its trade ties with Australia and turned its attention to Europe, because they have always come readily to our assistance. But the fact that the world moves on does not change history, and Mr Keating's remarks are

Paul Keating's remarks are seen variously as just rude or as

politicking, Alan Hamilton writes

not only offensive, but quite

Mr Payne, thinking of the Queen's visit to Australia, added that when you invite somebody as a guest to your country, whether you approve of her or not, it is a common courtesy to treat your guest with respect.

Conservative backbench MPs took instant umbrage as soon as Mr Keating's remarks were reported in London. Sir John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge) said that he was astonished and dismayed, and demanded that Mr Keating apologise at once to the Queen and the British records.

"People in England will be hurt and angry about it," Sir John said. "It is quite untue to say we deserted Australia in the war. We fought in Malaya and Singapore, and many British servicemen were killed. Australia was not attacked by Japan."

Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak) said: "This is thoroughly despicable. He is trying to use the Queen for what he thinks is his political advantage."

Ted Leadbitter, Labour MP for Hartlepool, said: "The Australian prime minister has behaved like an utter buffoon."

At Australia House in

London, a spokesman for Richard Smith, the High Commissioner, said: "We have no comment to make. We are saying nothing. We are neither approving nor disapproving."

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office, in one of its complicated verbal foxtrots of trying to say something while appearing to say nothing, noted that Mr Keating's remarks appeared to have been made "in a domestic political context and to have been addressed to the Australian connection"

"Our policy," the Foreign Office said, "is to work for strong and friendly relations with Australia, fully recognising both the common interests and shared values and the different perspectives of the two countries in their different regions."

The Queen, whose visit to Australia last week began the debate, remains magnificently detached from the fray, taking the view that the Queen of the United Kingdom and the Queen of Australia may be the same person but are entirely separate positions.

Buckingham Palace sees

Mr Keating's remarks as belonging to the political rather than the constitutional arena, and as views that might have been better directed at John Major than at the Queen. The Palace does not regard yesterday's outburst as a piece of republicanism, merely a statement of Australia's present-day economic realities made in the knowledge that Mr Keating will soon have to

Yesterday, the Palace studiously declined to enter the controversy, except to indicate that, whether or not any offence had been intended, certainly none had been taken. The veterans of the Burma railway are not so forgiving.

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Faux pas: Paul Keating adopting a hands-on approach while escorting the Queen in Australia

Jumping on the anti-pom bandwagon

DESPITE the crowds that cheered the Queen on her Australian visit, Paul Keating, the prime minister, has probably done himself a power of good by tapping into the "anti-pom" sentiment that is prevalent. He is shrewd enough to see that it can divert attention from Australia's economic woes.

Yesterday, Mr Keating played on the anger that Australians felt over recent newspaper disclosures that Churchill was prepared to sacrifice Australia in the second world war. It was also recalled that in the first world war, Churchill was largely responsible for the Gallipoli disaster, in which Australia lost thousands of troops.

However, Mr Keating emphasised

However, Mr Keating emphasised that he was not attacking the Queen, and that his tirade was against conservative Australian politicians who continue to look to Britain, and the royal family, when Australia's political and economic destiny lies in the Pacific region. Even John Howard, the former Liberal party leader, admitted as much

Australia's prime minister sees votes in bashing the British, Robert Cockburn writes

yesterday when he attacked Mr Keating's pommy-bashing. But many Australians, particularly the growing numbers from non-British backgrounds, find little relevance in the monarchy, while bearing no hostility towards the royal family.

What Mr Keating did yesterday, however, was generate some of the old waspish excitement he used to evoke in parliament. He had appeared tired and lacklustre when he won power from Bob Hawke last December, so he could well benefit from the outburst. From a working-class, Irish Catholic family and the tough western suburbs of Sydney, he saw little use in maintaining Australia's colonial ties. Unlike Mr Hawke, a middle-class Rhodes

Scholar who could turn on the common appeal, Mr Keating has shunned his background, despite its provision of genuine Labor party credentials. Mr Keating left school at 14, and did not go to university. Living for politics alone, he learnt his craft in the notoriously hard, right-wing faction of the New South Wales Labor party. His mentor, Jack Lang, the former New South Wales prime minister, taught him that politics is rough. As a result Mr Keating once declared: "There are very few friendships in politics." He has never been as popular as Mr Hawke, a handicap which could lose him the next general election.

Mr Keating is seen as Australia's first "yuppie" prime minister, who as treasurer was the architect of economic deregulation and a programme of privatisation in the 1980s and 1990s. While he yesterday condemmed the ravages of "Thatcherite policies", he had, himself, learnt quite a bit from those very policies.

Sams in court over Dart killing

life

A man appeared before Birmingham magistrates yesterday charged with the kidnap and murder of the Leeds teenager Julie Dart (Craig Seton writes).

Michael Sams, aged 50. a tool repairer, of Sutton on Trent, Nottinghamshire, who is accused of kidnapping Stephanie Slater, a Birmingham estate agent, was accused of kidnapping Miss Dart, aged 18, in Leeds on July 9, of murdering her between July 9 and July 19, and making a demand for £145,000 with menaces from West Yorkshire police between July 9 and October 23.

No application for bail was made. Mr Sams is to appear before magistrates again on March 26. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Hospices cash

The government last night announced an extra £37.2 million for the voluntary hospice movement in 1992-3, raising support to £57 million. Of the money, £31.7 million will be for use by health authorities to increase their contributions to hospices's running costs. There are 175 voluntary and health service hospices, 186 day hospices, and 360 nursing teams caring for patients at home.

1 m gas debts

A million families have fallen behind with gas bill payments, British Gas said yesterday. More than one family in 18 is in arrears each owing an average of £152. The figures, disclosed as British Gas announced profits of £1.71 billion last year, show a 200,000 increase in the number of families with arrears over the year to December 31.

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Jane Sanig is a principal dancer with London City Ballet, and not Rambert Dance Company as stated in a picture caption in "Life and Times" vesterday.



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'I saw them together and just snapped'

Wife lived nightmare over major's affair

FROM IAN MURRAY IN VERDEN, LOWER SAXONY

THE wife of a British army major in Germany endured an eight-month "nightmare" over her husband's infidelity before trying to kill herself and later driving over his lover, a general court-martial in Verden, Germany, was told yesterday.
After running over Marika

Sparfeldt, Catherine Dryland ran home and told her 16year-old son: "I've killed her." When her son said: "She didn't deserve to die. Nobody deserves to die," Mrs Dry-land answered: "Yes, she

Mrs Dryland, wife of Major Anthony Dryland, has pleaded guilty to manslaughter due to diminished responsibility. Two senior psychi-atrists called by the defence said that Mrs Dryland was seriously depressed at the time of the incident and in a state where she was scarcely aware of what she was doing when she drove her Saab repeatedly into her husband's Mercedes and then ran over Frau Sparfeldt, causing injuries which killed her. Their evidence showed that Mrs Dryland had been suffering from depression for years and had tried to kill herself in 1974 when she learnt that her husband was having an

Lieutenant Colonel John Coogan, of the Royal Army

Poll tax

survey

predicts

£29 rise

Medical Corps, said that, on July 27 last year, Mrs Dryland discovered that her husband was going off to meet his lover for a birthday drink at their riding club. "It was in a state of utter despair that she drove her car at speed towards the stable wall to end her life," he said. "But she retained enough control

to avoid colliding with her husband, who was standing between her and the wall.
"She continued her suicide attempt by turning to hit her husband's Mercedes. She said to herself: 'It will ex-

plode. It will all be over." Lieutenant Colonel Coogan said that she was in a state of detachment when she drove over Frau Sparfeldt. She then ran home and calmly cancelled the babysitter. Later, she politely offered tea to the military police who came to arrest her.

On the way to the police station, she told her escort: "It's all so unreal. I've — well, we've all - been living a nightmare the last eight months." Later in the journey, she said: "The awful thing was, I didn't plan to do it I just went up there and saw them together and just

snapped." Lieutenant Colonei Richard Spencer, prosecuting, said that "an adulterous rela-

Man dies after axe attack at school

POLL tax payers in England and Wales face a a £29 increase this year with the average community charge increasing to £277, according to the latest forecast from the

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.
The forecasts are based on estimates of local authority charges in England and Wales, which need not be fixed until March II, and charges in Scotland which have already been fixed. The average charge in Scotland is £298 with payers facing an

increase of £51. The average expected increase for the whole of Great Britain is 12.8 per cent, equivalent to an increase of E31 per charge payer. The forecasts, prepared by IPF, the institute's research arm, for the BBC, are being

updated. Community charge payers in London are expected to face an average increase of 7.9 per cent. An Association of London Authorities survey based on figures from 27 of the 33 London councils shows that the poll tax will increase from £239 to £258.

Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, said yesterday that most poll tax payers would receive a cheque from their council of up to £823 if their authority got the same "bribes" as Tory flagship councils. He said that cash had been "stolen" from the rest of the country to keep poll tax artificially low in Wandsworth and Westminster. Poll tax in 345 out of 366 council areas would be turned into a dividend if the government gave the same grant as was given to Wands-

worth, he said. Labour arrived at its figures by looking at the grant per head paid to Wandsworth (E1,423.70) and Westminster (E1,638.24) and examining what the position would be if similar amounts were paid to

other councils. English local authorities have collected 97 per cent of their 1990/1 budgeted community charge income and 67 per cent of this year's income, with three months of this year to go, the Department of the Environment said yesterday. Between September and December last year collection was 28.5 per cent compared with 28 per cent for the third quarter in

1990/91. "Enforcement action has enabled authorities to collect 97 per cent of their 1990/91 budgeted income from community charges and I am confident that they will continue to recover the rest." Michael Portillo, local government minister, said.

The institute's survey shows that authorities in England and Wales may add £257 million to 1992/3 bills to cover non payments from previous years. That would be equivalent to £7.05 on the

tionship" developed between

A MAN died after being attacked with an axe in an argument with another man on a council-run horticultural training scheme for mature adults in the grounds of Cardinal Newman secondary

school in Coventry yesterday.

Police said that the dead man, aged 30, who has not been named, had been hacked about the head and neck and a weapon had been Supt Malcolm Ross, of Coventry police, said: "There has been an incident involving two men. It appears there was some kind of altercation between them but we don't know at this stage what it was about but one man was struck

with an axe and has died." Police continued off an area of the school while a Home Office pathologist was called to the scene. A school spokeswoman said that no pupils or staff from the school were involved but pupils were sent home after the incident at

Last night an unemployed man aged 20 was being questioned by police.

Major Dryland and Frau Sparfeldt before be went to the Gulf war in January 1991. On his return in March, his wife challenged him about the relationship and, as a result, went to Australia for a month to see her "During this time, Major

Dryland saw much of Frau Sparfeldt and their relationship blossomed, so much so that she ended her relationship with her then partner and she and Major Dryland started to look for a flat to-gether," Lieutenant Colonel Spencer said. When Mrs Dryland returned, her husband promised to break off the relationship, but did not

Things came to a head on the evening of Major's Dryland's birthday, when he went to the riding club. Mrs Dryland arrived as the major and Frau Sparfeldt were about to go riding, and be-came abusive. Lieutenant Colonel Spencer said that Major Dryland persuaded his wife to go home and said that he would follow. "She got into the Saab, while he went towards the Mercedes ... Major Dryland at this

point heard the Saab's engine revving and the wheels spin-ning. He saw his wife drive the Saab at the front of the Mercedes, smashing one eadlight. As he tried to get into the Mercedes to move it out of harm's way, he saw the Saab come towards him again and got out of the way. and it again hit the Mercedes."

The car was hit a third time and then "unfortunately Frau Sparfeldt came out of the stables". Both she and the major tried to open the Saab's doors but found the central locking had been applied. Mrs Dryland continued to circle the yard before running into Frau Sparfeldt, hitting her on the legs and throwing her over the bonnet, where her head and shoulder struck the windscreen and she was then run over by the car.

"Scientific evidence, recent ly obtained, shows that she was run over once only," the

The court-martial

ues today.



Dryland: has pleaded guilty to manslaughter

Military close-up: General Sir Peter de la Billière, British commander in the Gulf war, inspecting an honour guard yesterday after naming a locomotive Royal Air Force Regiment at King's Cross station Reynolds pressed for abortion talks

OPPOSITION leaders in the Irish republic yesterday de-manded a parliamentary debate on implications of the Supreme Court decision to let a 14-year-old rape victim travel to London to have an

Dick Spring, head of the Irish Labour party, described the affair as "the most important matter likely to arise in the Irish republic for a long

Alan Shatter, justice spokesman for the main op-position party. Fine Gael, said that the prime minister, Albert Reynolds, should call further meetings with party leaders to see what steps were

Meanwhile, the movements of the unidentified family at the centre of the controversy remained a mysplans for the girl to have an abortion in Britain would be

■ The EC's senior internal market official has defended the European Commission's decision not to intervene in the Irish abortion case, and has admitted that the Treaty of Rome has severe shortcomings in tackling such a case

(Tom Walker writes). Martin Bangemann, whose job it is to see that the principle of freedom of movement for all EC citizens is established by next year, said that the treaty fell short of ensuring this fundamental right of the 1993 open market.

mental constitutional problem," Herr Bangemann, Germany's senior commissioner, told the European Parliament's legal affairs committee yesterday. "We were looking what we could do; we didn't want to interfere

before the Irish court had taken a decision. "The right of freedom of movement for the time being is not laid down in the articles of the Treaty of Rome. The only means we had available to counteract the decisions at European level are articles 59 and 60 of the treaty, which concern services. That's a lit-

tle absurd." Herr Bangemann's statement may well presage a dispute before the end of the year between member countries and the Commission. In the meantime, because it talks movement of workers, the only way EC law could be used to challenge the Dublin High Court's anti-abortion ruling in the girl's case was over the freedom to use ser-

vices anywhere in the EC. Classifying abortion as a service provoked anger at the committee meeting yester-day. "Comparing the denial of human life to getting your hair done or having a tooth filled is legal nonsense." Patrick Cooney, a Dublin Euro-MP in the Christian Democrat group, said.

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Labour accused of right-wing policy

By John O'Leary, Education correspondent

CONTROVERSY over government support for independent school pupils from low-income families came to a head yesterday with the Conservatives promising to consider an expansion of the assisted places scheme while Labour and the Liberal Democrats repeated their commit-

ments to abolish it. All three parties were represented at a London conference on the scheme organised by the Independent Schools Information Service. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said that opportunities for bright children from poor families would be lost if a Labour government dis-

banded the scheme. Labour's policy of keeping the great public schools while scheme would ensure that the poor were denied access to top schools. "This is a policy that should only be defended by the most right-wing and reactionary defender of the

privileges of the wealthy." Mr Clarke said that the scheme would remain a vital component of the government's education policy. However, he ruled out subsi-

dising boarding places.

Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, outlined plans to cater for the most

able pupils in state schools rather than supporting them in the independent sector. "We want and are determined to achieve a state sector education which caters for

children of every ability level," "Parents don't want the false choice between a good and mediocre school. They want the certainty that wherever their children go to

school, they get the very best." The Labour scheme would encourage accelerated learning, with pupils moving up years, and training for teachers to recognise and support gifted children. Pupils already holding assisted places would continue to receive support, but the scheme would be phased out.

eral Democrat education spokesman, said that parents should have the right to send their children to independent schools, but government should not support private education when so many state schools did not have the funds for basic books and equipment. The assisted places scheme benefited only a very small minority of children, ignoring those most in need of extra help.

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Book at bedtime is one big yawn

By Joe Joseph

ONE in two of us finds that reading is the best way of getting to sleep, according to a new survey of bedtime habits, which sounds like a big anisance for the other one in two of us who might want the

lights turned out. The survey found that the second most popular tranquilliser, after reading, which was favoured by 51 per cent, was a hot bath (38 per cent). was a not better (34 per cent), a warm drink (33 per cent), watching television (30 per cent) and alcohol (25 per cent). Of course, there is no reason why some of these activities could not be combined, such as reading in a vision with a whisky in hand, although sex with a warm drink probably requires

practice. Apparently, nurses favour books, fire and ambulance men choose sex, police drink alcohol and postal workers watch television. This must be why they ask what your job is on dating agency

applications. The survey was commis-sioned by the National Bed Federation, which has de-clared that March will be

Country sports 'are more popular than the cinema'

PEOPLE spent more in a year on hunting, shooting and fishing than on books or visiting live arts and entertainment, according to a survey published yesterday for a group supporting field

They paid £1.4 billion, compared with £1.3 billion on books and £734 million on live shows, Lord Carnar-yon, chairman of the Standing Conference on Country Sports, said. Taking into ac-count money spent by their sports' organisers and indirect spending more than £2.6 billion was put into the economy, he said.

In spite of increased pressure for bans on hunting, the number of people taking part in country sports is rising. the report says. There are now 3.9 million anglers, 829,000 people shooting game, clay pigeons and wild-fowl, 13,000 deer stalkers and 243,000 people hunting with hounds.

The report suggests that support for some blood sports is growing outside the middle and upper classes. More than 56 per cent of shooters are skilled or semiskilled and manual workers. The same group accounts for 68 per cent of anglers. The figures were given in a report arguing that country sports should be maintained "as an

integral part of the national way of life". Landscape, wildlife conser-vation and employment all benefit, the report said. Sports organisations, several government departments, inluding the agriculture ministry and the environment department, the National Trust and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds sporting activity.

are among the 83 groups be-longing to the conference. The report, which covered 1990, found 77,500 landowners, syndicates and clubs involved in country sports, with 65,000 full-time jobs directly dependent on the sports, and another 60,000 indirectly dependent.

The government received £459 million from taxes, lic-

ences and rates in 1990, and game worth E31.8 million, fish valued at £2.4 million and venison worth £3.4 million were sold as a result of

The report says that the increase in the sports should be viewed against a decline in real income in agriculture that has led farmers to diver-sify into country sports. Marginal agricultural areas, especially in Scotland, had gained from investment in tourism and rural sports.

WHO GOES FISHING AND SHOOTING? Socio-economic Shooting Total Angling participants % 20.0 12.0 47.0 21.0 No of

Store staff reap rich rewards

SALES assistants at Laura Ashley have landed windfall payments totalling thousands of pounds after being allowed to ignore highly paid merchandising and sales executives and run their own shops

Staff at ten stores spent four months deciding how to market the clothes, running their own fashion shows and making subile changes within the shops to try to improve profits. They were given a free rein by head office, which normally dictates policy, and cash incentives linked to percentage increases in the set target profits.

At the flagship store in Ox-ford Street, the 25 full and part-time staff were celebrating their share in £42,274 yesterday after increasing profits over four months to the end of January by 62.4 per cent. Eileen Janes, a man-ager aged 28, said: "We altered the lighting, changed window displays and played more upbeat music, as well as advertising locally and organising our own promotions. It was fun as well as doing wonders for staff motivation." The shop assistants' average annual salary is

Steve Cotter, managing director, said that he was impressed by the success of the scheme, which saw profits at the Liverpool store increase by 139 per cent. "The test has been extremely successful in proving that staff react quickly and effectively when given the freedom to make commercial decisions."

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Guide killed on Kenyan game reserve

Safari holiday firms demand security

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

TOUR operators are to meet the Kenyan government today to demand increased secunity in the country's game reserves after a guide was killed in an attack on a tourist

Bandits posing as police-men shot the guide and robbed 11 Austrians on the coach in the latest in a series of attacks on British, German and American tourists which has led to official warnings to

Kevin and Sally Colgan. who were among a party of seven British tourists attacked earlier this week in the Masai Mara, were yesterday recovering at home in Woking, Surrey. They said that they had been watching hippos in the Mara Serena Lodge game park when they were surrounded by bandits wielding shotguns, machetes

and sharpened sticks. The forced to cross a crocodileinfested river.

Association, said.

The attacks, together con-

Writers plead case for libraries

The Save Our Libraries campaign was launched yesterday amid charges by the arts minister of politicking. Simon Tait reports

THE Jubilee Room of the House of Commons was crammed with the literati yesterday when the Library Association launched its Save Our Libraries campaign.

Lady Antonia Fraser,
Michael Holroyd, Margaret
Drabble, Alice Thomas Ellis,
David Lodge, Nina Bawden
and Shirley Hughes were
among those rubbing shoulders with librarians, publishers and local authority officials to give their support and to hear politicians ex-plain how they were going to ensure the survival of public

Ken Follett, the British spy novelist, said the success in America of British writers such as Jeffrey Archer, D. M. Thomas and himself was because they had access to free books in public libraries when they were children. His first best-seller, Eye of the Needle, was based in Scotland which he had never visited. All his information was gleaned from library books.

Labour and Liberal Demodelivered by the parties' respective arts spokesmen, Mark Fisher and Robert MacLennan, who both accepted the Library Associa-tion's own manifesto for

Tim Renton, the arts minster, was absent. He wrote instead to George Cunning-ham, the association's chief

tourists were forced to run through the bush for 45 minutes as their attackers discussed raping the women and beat anyone who fell behind. Several times they were

"It must have been truly terrifying." Captain David Drummond, head of security for the Kenya Tour Operators

Association, said.

Mr Colgan, aged 46, a
British Transport Police inspector, said that their lives
were probably saved by their
guide who eventually persuaded the attackers to let them go. They were robbed of cash, jewellery, a camera and clothing.

tinuing publicity over the murder of Julie Ward, have worried local tourist leaders

executive: "Your association is deliberately seeking to ex-ploit individual problems in order to paint an excessively gloomy picture throughout the country. There is no 'crisis' in the public library

Mr Renton accused Mr Cunningham, a former Labour and Social Democrat MP, of playing politics. He said that gross expenditure on libraries had risen by 18 per cent over the past ten years and that 29 new library buildings were opened in England in 1990.

Mr Cunningham said that, ten years ago, 163 libraries were open for more than 60 hours a week, whereas only were now. Derbyshire had closed 11 branch libraries, Sheffield had cut book buying by half last year, North Tyneside had cut opening hours by 62 per cent, and school library services had been withdrawn. Stafford-shire was expected to agree last night to close ten librar-

Mr Renton's absence "shows a degree of contempt for the concern about the perilous state of libraries in this country, so that whichever government is in power later this year might wonder whether the present minister is the right person for the job".

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bring in more than \$400 million a year to the country could be scared off. The Kenya Association of

Tour Operators said that the attacks had prompted cancellation of visits to the park, one of Africa's biggest wildlife reserves. Sammy Mwaura, chairman of the association, said: "Unless immediate action is taken to bring the situation under control, we fear that our overseas agents will force us to declare a total ban on travel to Masai Mara." Such a ban would lead to the collapse of the tourist trade and the leading

foreign exchange earner for Kenya, Mr Mwaura said. Germany provides the big-gest contingent of foreign vis-itors with 120,000 tourists last year. This week the German government urged its nationals and tour operators to boycott Masai Mara.

Six attacks on tourist the past three months in the park which is the most popular with western visitors. Un-like Kenya's other 25 national parks, Masai Mara, which extends into Tanzania as the Screngeti Parl, is not

patrolled by rangers of the Kenya Wildlife Service. The Foreign Office said that although there was no reason why Britons should not travel to Kenya it would be prudent to avoid the re-moter areas and the adminis-trative districts of Tana River and Garissa, the southern end of the Meru national park and the road from Malindi to Lamu.

Kuoni and Thomson, who together take 30,000 holidaymakers a year to Kenya out of the 100,000 Britons who visit the country each year, said that they were "watching the situation" but that they had no reason so far to amend any of their planned itineraries.



Supporting role: Ken Windess, head of maintenance at Longleat House, Wiltshire, checking the lower dining room's sagging ceiling, which was saved from collapse by the insertion yesterday of a girder in the floor above

BR agrees to redress for one-off travellers

By Nicholas Wood POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ALL rail travellers will be entitled to compensation for badly disrupted journeys under the passenger's charter. British Rail had wanted compensation confined to season ticket holders and wrangling with the govern-ment has delayed publication of the charter.

Ministers have persuaded BR to extend redress to passengers making single jour-neys. Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, and Sir Bob Reid, chairman of BR. will launch the charter next

Season ticket holders are likely to be given free extensions of their permits to cover periods when their services are seriously disrupted. Passengers making one-off journeys are expected to get youthers entitling them to a free ticket for a subsequent

The charter will define what constitutes serious disruption. One suggestion is a delay of an hour or more. Passengers whose services are cancelled at short notice and who choose not to travel are likely to be given a refund.

The charter's pledges of will be tied to other changes to ensure that passengers are given clear information on minimum standards of service and complaints procedures. Performance targets for punctuality and standards will have to be widely publi-

cised at stations.

Ministers believe that their success in persuading BR to extend the possibility of compensation to all passengers will strengthen the credibility of the citizen's charter. The decision to launch the charter within weeks of the election campaign will be a relief to Tory MPs in marginal seats in the South. The charter will be of greatest direct benefit to the 500,000 London com-muters who use Network SouthEast. Setback to charities in dispute over will

A dispute over who should inherit the £700,000 estate of Norman Warne, the former fiance of Beatrix Potter and son of the founder of the publishing company that owned the copyright to her works, is to continue in court.

A claim by Kevin Dirrane, who lives in Mr Warne's Brighton home, is disputed by the RSPCA and the Cats Protection League. The charities stand to inherit under a will made before Mr Warne left a hand-written will leaving Mr Dirrane everything.

In the High Court yesterday, Judge Hague granted Mr Dirrane's request to be allowed to defend his claim under wills made by Mr Warne in 1985 and 1986. The charities had said that he should not be allowed to put in a late defence to their action to establish the validity of the 1982 will because he had been made bankrupt.

The judge said that Mr Dirrane must put in his defence within 14 days and pay £3,000 towards the charities' costs for the abortive hearing.

Police vehicle kills man

An enquiry began yesterday after a police Range Rover carrying firearms officers killed a man on a pedestrian crossing in south London. Biniam Aran, aged 28, of Lambeth, was dead on arrival at hospital after the incident in Stockwell at midnight.

The Range Rover, containing an inspector and two constables, had been called to an incident in southwest London. A Metropolitan police spokesman said that the vehide was not a special armed response unit, but was simply transporting the officers.

Baby damages

Nuala Breen, of Wood Green, north London, was awarded £16,190 in damages by the High Court for pain and suffering endured after her baby died within minutes of birth. She claimed that staff at North Middlesex hospital, Edmonton, had failed to monitor it properly. Haringey health authority admitted

Referee penalty

Malcolm Armstrong, aged 43, a soccer referee from Norwich, has been suspended after punching a player when he queried a decision. Mr Armstrong then walked off, and the match, in the Norfolk Sunday League Division Four, was abandoned.

Plaver fined

Chris Woods, aged 32, the England goalkeeper, was banned from driving for two weeks and fined £100 at Alfreton, Derbyshire, for driving at up to 105 mph on the M 1.

Dole queue camouflaged as a career move

BY BILL FROST

OUESTION: When is redundancy not redundancy? Answer: When you worked for computer giant IBM and then want to claim unemployment

Such is the unwillingness of the spade that 2,000 former staff, now surplus to requirements, were de-prived of their giros by social sec-urity officers convinced that the

dispossessed were being retrained.

IBM employees thought they had been given the long white envelope until they arrived at the dole office to collect their benefit. When civil servants contacted the company they

vere told staff had not been shown the door at all but were on "a career

transition programme".

The delicate jargon coined by IBM, whose UK headquarters are in Portsmouth, baffled the bureaucrats and infuriated redundant workers when they were told that they were not entitled to any money.

Colin Greenham, aged 47, from Havant, Hampshire, and an IBM man for 20 years, decided not to get mad but to get even. Yesterday, he and, by implication, his 1999 redundant colleagues, were vindicated by a social security tribunal which ruled that redundancy remains re-dundancy no matter how flowery the prose used by the former employer.

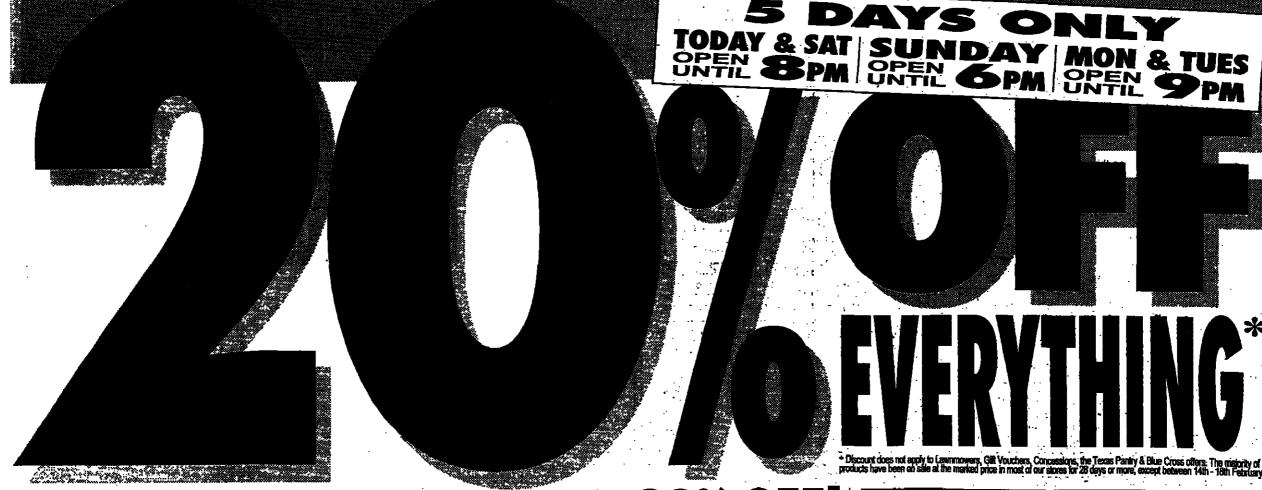
Mr. Greenham said he was told by ane firm that his job was being phased out. He could accept a pay-off or be retrained for a job he did not want. He agreed to the offer, like hundreds of other employees, thinking he was accepting voluntary re-dundancy. At the dole office, the scales fell from his eyes.

"When they contacted IBM to check the circumstances, they were told I had not been made redun-dant." Mr Greenham said. "Accord-ing to the firm I was taking part in a career transition programme. The dole office told me that it meant I was not entitled to any social security benefits because I had left the job of my own accord without a good

redundancy. L gave up the chance of loads of IBM benefits when I left." Mr Greenham appealed to to the local social security tribunal of the

employment department, like hundreds of other former-IBM employfrom a Citizens Advice Bureau. The tribunal agreed he had been made redundant and said others who had been put on the same "career transition programme" could also come.

IBM said yesterday that the career transition programme, or "CIP" was in effect voluntary redundancy.



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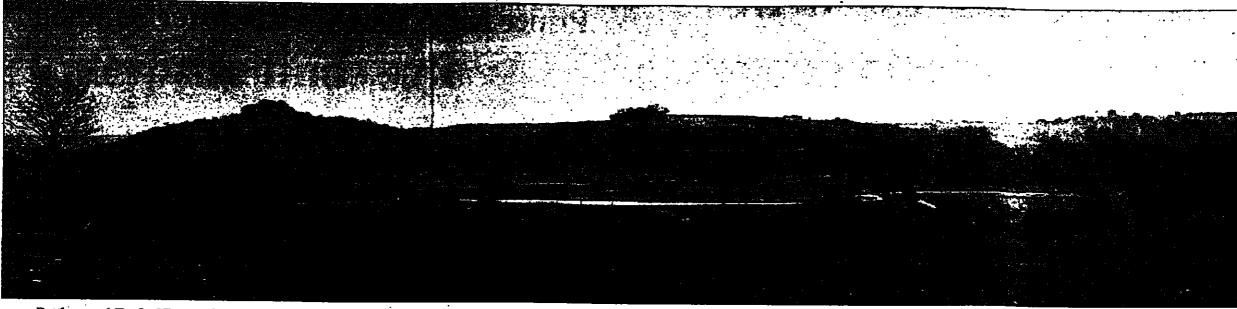


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Battleground: Twyford Down, where the bulldozers will be free to move into the environmentally protected areas tomorrow. Mainstream campaigners fear a serious clash between Earth First! members and the police

Radical greens became disillusioned by slow progress

Violence born of frustration

nomenon that has crossed the Atlantic and threatens to assert itself in the tranquil chalk downland of Hampshire, first appeared in the United States during the early 1980s.

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> The militant environmental movement Earth First! has its origins in the American South-West, where a group of environmentalists began to express frustration with the slow pace of progress made by traditional organisations.

Galvanised by the conviction that the mainstream groups were unable to influence conventional politics. Earth First! formulated a more confrontational approach, designed to shock people into realising that the American wilderness was slowly disappearing.

Writing in the Earth First! Journal. Dave Foreman, one of the co-founders of the group, exhorted his readers to sabotage hydro-electric dams. lumber mills and nuclear power plants to try to

Michael Dynes on the history of Earth. First!, the militant US environmental movement that has taken hold in Britain

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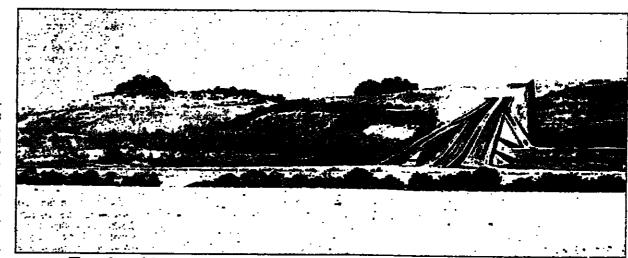
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Supporters of Earth First! see themselves as the new warrior class. "Earth First! are warriors. And if you aren't a warrior, then I suggest you find another group," Mr Foreman would say at public meetings. "It's time for a war rior society to rise up out of the earth and put ourselves in front of the juggernaut of destruction.'

Earth First! drew its inspiration from The Monkeywrench Gang, a novel by the late Edward Abbey, first published in 1975, in which the hero was a modern-day Luddite who roamed around the American countryside destroying machinery by monkeywrenching: throwing a

sential handbook for the environmental saboteur. His writings soon brought Earth First! to the attention of the FBI, and last year, after a 30month FBI undercover operation, four Earth First! activists were imprisoned for conspiracy and destruction of property. They had tried to sabotage Phoenix's water supply from the Colorado. By 1985, Mr Foreman had

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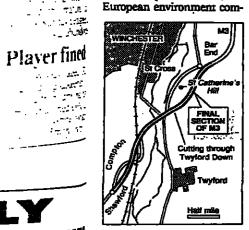


Through road: how the down would look when the extension to the M3 has been completed

THE long-standing campaign to save Twyford Down from being sliced in two by a motorway cutting approaches its final stages this weekend as the government prepares to send in the bulldozers

(Michael Dynes writes).
After midnight on Saturday there will no longer be . any domestic legal impediment to the building of the final section of the M3 in

Carlo Ripa di Meana, the



missioner, has tried to halt the scheme, at least until Brussels has decided whether the project complies with European environment laws. The government insists that the Commission is acting beyoud its powers.

The origins of the dispute lie in a conflicting interpreta-tion of the 1985 Environmental Impacts Assessment directive, which became effective in 1988. Under the legislation, all member states must assess the environmental impact of any scheme and publish a non-technical sum-mary of the findings before

deciding whether to proceed. Although the government did not give final approval for the M3 scheme until February 1990, the draft orders for the last section of the M3 were published in February 1985, long before the directive came into effect. The government says that any schemes planned before the directive came into being must be excluded from its provisions. The Commission, however, defines planning consent as final approval.

British firms fail car patriotism test

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

WHILE the British worker ponders his choice of new company car from a multi-national list, the French simply say "non" to models not made at home.

Figures published yester-day show that while the predilection for company cars is just as great in other European nations as it is here, the British lag far behind when it comes to sup-porting their national

motor industry.

Most British companies allow their employees to choose cars made in any of the European Community

In France, nine out of ten Green, Saffron Walden, Essales representatives use a sex CB1 3LX. Citroen, Peugeot or Renault at the insistence of their companies.

In Britain, a sales representative is just as likely to be driving a Renault as a Rover, according to a sur-vey by the Monks Partnership into company car use. The survey found only 10 per cent of sales representatives in Britain were re-stricted to a British-built model.

At senior management level, the rules on buying British are relaxed almost to the point of non-exis-tence. Only 4 per cent of British companies insist that the boss drives a British car.

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Recession raises fears of general election delay

AMID a flurry of discouraging opinion polls and economic statistics, Conservative MPs are beginning to worry that the election might have to be postponed after all.

Politicians are agreed that election is likely to turn on the perceived economic competence of the main parties and the "economic optimism" of the electorate. Ministers are aware that the one element over which they have total control, and which will influence both those factors, is the Budget on March 10.

Neither main party has broken clear in the opinion polls. The Tories are suffering the uncertainty of the election outcome has itself become a factor. Labour is suffering from Tory exposure of the furrier edges of its policies on tax and national insurance. With the Liberal Democrats edging up steadily, both will be awaiting anxiously the latest economic optimism index from Mori, due to be pub-

lished on Sunday.

The index, obtained by subtracting the percentage who believe the economy will get worse over the next 12 months from the percentage who believe it will get better, has a close relationship to voting intention support for the government, as the accompanying graph shows. In the 18-34 age group and among those aged over 55, the correlation between economic optimism and voting intention since last September has been almost exact.

Through most of 1987, when the index (on a quarterly basis) was showing a positive reading, the Tories had a double-figure lead in the opinion polls. The index turned to a minus figure in July 1988, with pessimists outweighing optimists by five points. As it continued to fall the Tory lead was turned round, and when in April 1990 the index reached its worst point in this parliament of minus 37 points, the Tories

behind Labour. Through 1991 the index varied from plus five points to minus seven, while the Tories varied from a five-point lead to a six-point deficit. Tory election planners took heart from the fact that, despite the

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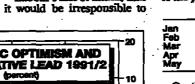
recession, economic optimism, which dipped to minus 17 points just after Christmas, recovered in January to

A poll by Gallup for the European Commission has shown that British electors' expectations that their own financial situation will improve over the next year have risen more or less steadily since March 1990, with a small increase between January and February.

figures have suggested, against the conventional wisdom, that the government has widened its lead over Labour in the electorate's perception of the parties' economic competence. In October the Tories led Labour 38-26, a 12-point lead. In January it was 41-25, a 16-point lead. Labour's line of attack, that

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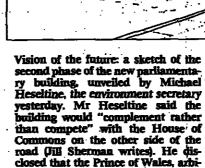


On that occasion the Bud get broke the public opinion deadlock. The Tories opened up a lead and went on to win. In 1974, when the election was held on February 28, the parties were equally dead-locked the month before. Without the benefit of a Budget, the Tories were defeated. Of six Tory Chancellors since the war who have introduced Budgets in the election runup, four have cut taxes: each time the Tories won the election. In April 1964 and in March 1973 Tory Chancellors chose a more cautious approach, and they did not.

increase borrowing to fund tax cuts, has been seeking to destroy any advantage the government might hope to get from Budget tax cuts and to close the gap on economic competence. However, 48 per cent of those polled by ICM for the Daily Mail last week believed that tax cuts would aid economic recovery; only a third backed Labour's line that it would be better done with government spending. Economic evidence about other countries problems has undermined Labour's case

tured in Downing Street. The nearest parallel to the present situation is 1955, when a Tory government which had been at level-pegging in the polls for months introduced a tax-cutting budget in April before facing the electors in May. The pattern of the polls went like this:

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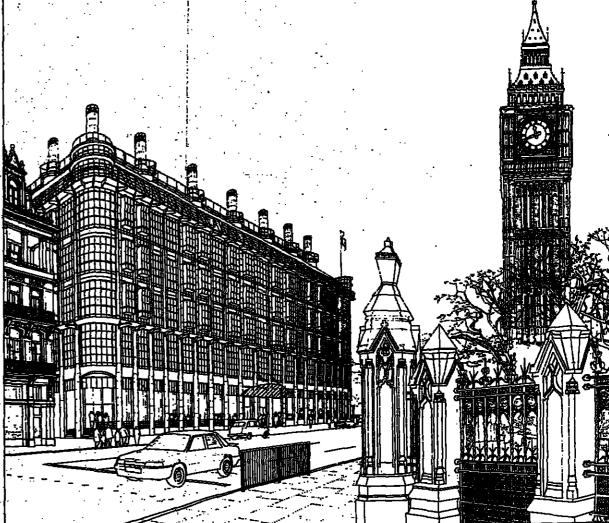


ter of architectural taste, had also

given his support to the seven-storey

building which will be set on top of Westminster Underground station. Plans for the £130 million building. which is expected to be completed by the summer of 1997, will go before the Commons on March 9 for approval, before funds are committed from the Treasury. The Commons accom-modation and works committee, which published its sketch plan re-port on the new building yesterday. hopes work will begin in June 1993.

However, its report admits that London Underground has estimated the construction could be delayed by two years. The new building, built of stone and bronze, will not be allowed to outshine its gothic neighbour, the Palace of Westminster. Designed by architects Michael Hopkins and Partner, it will straddle the District and Circle Underground lines and be built around a central courtyard covered with a glazed roof



Prince backs new Westminster building

Talks on internment hinted at

By PETER MULLIGAN

PETER Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, yester-day highlighted claims that internment would be more effective if it covered the whole of Ireland. He indicated that he had

bert Reynolds, Ireland's new prime minister, but stuck to the convention of refusing to discuss it in detail.

"If it were to be introduced, it would be introduced with-

discussed the issue with Al-

out notice. There have been commentators who say it would be much more effective if it were to be introduced throughout Ireland," he said.

He was responding to MPs who urged him either to adopt the measure as a means of rounding up terrorists or to reject it on the grounds that it would cause more violence. He was speaking on the eve of today's meeting with the leaders of the four main constitutional parties in Northern Ireland to try to find a basis for continuing talks about the political future of the

The government also announced that there would be a rare full Commons debate on the situation in Northern Ireland next Thursday, following discussions between the party leaders and the prime minister.

During Commons ques-tions, Labour made clear that it would be implacably op-posed to the reintroduction of internment. Kevin Mac-Namara, the party spokes-man, said it would be the height of folly.

Ashdown defence plan limits Trident firepower

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE laberal Democrats yesterday refined their policy on nuclear defence, suggesting for the first time that the Trident missile system could have a lower level of firepower than Polaris Paddy Ashdown and his

defence spokesman, Menzies Campbell, presented a new programme for a radical review of British defence policy in the wake of the collapse of to halt any orders for new weapons systems, such as the

tactical air-to-surface missile. With Labour going on the defence offensive, accusing the government of destroying 250,000 jobs in the defence industries and doing nothing to replace them, the Liberal Democrats said that the four Trident submarines should not be equipped with any more warheads than currently deployed on Polaris. This

would mean a maximum of 192, compared with the Trident maximum of 512 laid divisity the government.

Anew policy paper, Shared
Security, stated: Whether

even this level of firepower will still be needed to assure the security of the United Kingdom should also be open to review. Given the disintegrating condition of the former Soviet anti-missile defences it may well be possible that an appropriate level of minimum deterrence can be provided by a lower level of firepower than Polaris currently provides, particularly since Trident is a much more powerful weapon and its warheads are capable of indepen-

dent targeting." The Liberal Democrats' support for the retention of

four boats distinguishes them from Labour, whose policy statements commit them to cancelling the fourth boat. Despite Mr Ashdown's

statement that he would not join a coalition that did not take defence seriously, which meant keeping the fourth boat, the difference would be unlikely to present an obstacle in hung parliament

Labour is already saying that because the fourth boat is under construction it will wait until assuming office to see whether the cancellation penalties are too great to scrap the order.

The formula is widely seen as giving it latitude to keep the boat. Mr Campbell said: "Let me make a prediction. If there is a Labour government it will not cancel the fourth

Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, accused the government of betraying the defence workers who equipped the armed forces to defeat Saddam Hussein. He promised that Labour's proposed defence diversification agency would work with the defence industries to safeguard the jobs and skills of defence workers, enabling them to be deployed in other



British forces win praise

On the first anniversary of the Gulf war, John Major praised British forces for their role. At prime minister's questions he said: The way in which Saddam Hussein still behaves is unacceptable to us, unaccep able to the United Nations, unacceptable to the international community, and we will continue to put

pressure on him. Tory challenge The Anti-Federalist

League, the right-of-centre group which campaigns against closer European integration, is putting up at least four candidates in the election. One will fight William Waldegrave, the health secretary, in Bristol West, and another will fight Chris Patten, in Bath.

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Ships plea John Major said at question time that he would con-tinue to press EC partners to end the unfair subsidies for shipbuilders.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Private member's motion on regis tration of MPs' interests. Lords (11): Motion to renew Prevention of Terrorism

The week in Parliament

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be: Monday: Debate on asylum and immigration. Debate on select committee report on sittings of the House. Tuesday: Further and Higher

Education Bill, remaining stages. Wednesday: Guillotine mo-tion on and consideration of Lords amendments to Local Government Finance Bill. Thursday: Debates on Yugo-

slavia and on Northern Ireland. Friday: Debate on private member's motion on commonhoid and leasehold The main business in the Lords is expected to be: Monday: Education (Schools) Bill, committee, second day. Tuesday: Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Bill,

ednesday: Debate on the economy. Pharaday: Competition and Service (Utilities) Bill, committee, first day. Eriday: Parliamentary Corpo-

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Museum accused over bequest

By JOHN WINDER

THE British Museum was accused in the House of Lords yesterday of not passing on to the British Library money bequeathed by George Bernard Shaw because of his gratitude for the days he had spent in the old British Museum Reading Room, seen as the predecessor of the new library at St Pancras, London.

Viscount Eccles, a former Conservative education secretary, said that the museum trustees should provide £75,000, or whatever was needed, to the library for the purchase of Ellen Terry's letters to Bernard Shaw, reported to be on the market for about £75,000. A library official said last night that it was an obvious occasion on which the library could expect the museum to help in a purchase.

Lord Annan, a former British Museum trustee, had tabled a question asking whether the government con-



of Shaw money sidered that Shaw's bequest to the British Museum had

been", primarily for the benefit of the British Library. Viscount Astor, for the government, said the bequest had been used partly for the benefit of the museum li-

for the library.

odder that the fund's ac-

brary, and also, since 1973,

mented by performances of My Fair Lady, had been passed to the museum trustees in accordance with the terms of Shaw's will. The sum received from the administrators of the Shaw estate totalled & million. and if that sum continued to be invested in the sagacious way Viscount Eccles had invested it when he was chairman of the museum trustees, it would now amount to £10 million or £15 million. It was odd that the library had received only £470,000, and

> counts appeared to be "privy to the British Museum". Viscount Astor quoted

Annan: questioning use

been used "as it should have-

Emrys Hughes, a Scottish Labour MP, as saying that Shaw had great affection for the Museum reading room, not merely as a place to read in, but for warmth when he LONDON W1,

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Spirit of partnership shows way for Heseltine's £20m package for rural economy

caravan and camping park.

as far as creating new jobs is concerned. Although the ara-

ble farm at his Wykeham estate employs only five people instead of the 40 who would have worked the land

50 years ago, other jobs have been created in the diversified

areas. As a result the estate

now employs twice the num-

ber of people that it did in

that Action for the Country-

side is an important initia-

tive. He says that it will change attitudes to invest-ment in the countryside,

bring rural organisations

closer together, and encour-

age the private sector to

Bryan Gould, the shadow

environment secretary, dis-

missed the package yester-

day. "The free market does

not serve the environment if

left to its own devices. Good

government, citizen action,

corporate responsibility all have their part to play," Mr

Gould said.

He is also a firm believer

He has also been a pioneer

Enterprise finds safe harbour at Whitby

A PACKAGE of rural assistance measures, including a a £3.6 million pilot scheme to stimulate the rural economy. was announced by the government yesterday.

Action for the Countryside,

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nster building

launched by Michael Heseltine, environment secretary, and John Gummer, agriculture minister, will direct £20 million towards rural development over the next three years, funded through English Nature, the Countryside Commission and the Rural Development Commission.

Such a scheme has long been sought by rural authorities and agencies, who see long-term partnerships as the only way to promote jobs in areas where the private sector has no interest. Such organisations are hoping that those who are assessing schemes for the pilot projects will look to North Yorkshire for ideas and inspiration.

officials have highlighted Whitby as a special case. With a population of 14,000, the town is technically an urban area according to the commission's definition, whereby a rural area has a population of 12,000 or less. But because of the town's location on a coastline where transport links to motorways and railways are difficult, it has been identified as an area where the commission can invest.

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A number of partnership projects jointly funded by the county council and the Rural Development Commission have opened or are due to open shortly. One is the St Hilda's workshop project in Whitby. The former hospital and workhouse is set high on a hill overlooking the harbour and the building is being converted into 30,000 square feet of units ranging in size from a one-man office to a brewery on the ground floor.

The council and the development commission spent E850,000 carrying out the work after buying the 150-year-old building in 1989 for £450,000 from an architect who had tried privately to fund its conversion into workshops.

tant economic development officer at North Yorkshire County Council, said: "This is a typical example of an economic development initiative that could not have been funded by the private sector. We do not expect to see a

Architect

wins libel

damages

Sir Norman Foster the archi-

tect won an apology and "appropriate" libel damages

in the High Court yesterday over allegations that he had

made abusive and unprintable comments about the

The allegations appeared

in the Evening Standard, London, last September in an article about the prince's

School of Architecture in Italy. Nicholas Armstrong, Sir Norman's solicitor, said

that Mira Bar-Hillel, who

wrote the article, claimed to have been told that Sir Nor-

man had discussed the prince in terms ranging from the

Prince of Wales.

and legal costs.

The pilot project for growth in the countryside would do well to look north for a model,

writes Ray Clancy return on our capital expenditure for about 15 years."

Businesses already in the building include a small brewery and a fudge factory. There is also an environmen tal project, which creates jobs for the long-term unemployed. Two teams will carry out planting schemes, wasteland clearing, footpath improvements and wildlife conservation in the town and the surrounding countryside. Andy Jones, the Whitby environmental improvements project's development manager, has just recruited his first team of 12, which in-cludes several people who have never had a job.

The Thornton Road indus trial estate, developed by the commission outside the market town of Pickering, was developed in 1984 with the aim of providing rented units and encouraging other businesses to the area.

Precision Etchings, a company that designs and manufactures printed circuitry, was one of the first to move and has continued to expand. It started with three workers and now employs 40, includ-ing a large number of women who have been attracted by the flexible working hours.

Mike Flynn, the company's works manager, said: "Some of our staff used to be in very mundane jobs in factories. I have seen them come here and blossom. They have been trained in new skills such as computing, and have also developed their personalities."

Throughout North York-

shire, only three of the eight district councils have not been involved in partnership schemes such as the Thorn-ton Road estate and the St Hilda's workshops. Lord Downe, who has

20,000 acre estate near Scarborough, North Yorkshire, is a champion of high technol ogy in the countryside. On his projects include a 20-year gravel extraction programme an attractive tourist area, a tree-growing business and

> By MICHAEL MCCARTHY AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

TWO animal welfare initiatives were announced by the government yesterday. Min-isters promised to tighten controls on the much criti-cised import trade in wild birds and to press for im-proved conditions for farm animals throughout the European Community.

Neil Kinnock will next week launch an animal welfare election campaign leaf-let. Labour believes that the issue is rising in prominence and could be a significant vote winner.

merely abusive to the downright unprintable".

Mr Armstrong said that Sir

Norman had not discussed Tony Baldry, the junior enthe prince at all. The paper accepted that the claim had no foundation, apologised and agreed to pay damages Yusupov leads Arthur Yusupov, the former

Soviet grandmaster now living in Germany, led the Top Flight International chess tournament in Linares, Spain, with three points after three rounds. In joint second place were Gary Kasparov and Boris Gelfand, both of

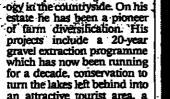
Hoax charge

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A CONTROL OF THE CONT ROSSI OF REPORTED Three McDonald's restaurant staff accused of making a hoax bomb call to a nearby Burger King restaurant in Newcastle upon Tyne have had a conspiracy charge against them dropped. Patima Heron, aged 24, Helen Calderwood, aged 19, and Lance Green, aged 20, all of Newcastle, still face a charge of making a hoax call.

Victim named

The parascending instructor who fell to his death near Chigwell, Essex, when his parachute failed was named as Michael Shaw, aged 31, of the journey time for livestock Ilford, north east London.



Wild bird imports to be checked

vironment minister, promised measures to regulate the bird trade as new figures showed that in 1990 21,600 parrots, cockatoos and other exotic species arrived in Britain dead or did not survive quarantine. John Gummer, the agriculture minister, promised to use the British presidency of the EC to press for improved conditions for battery hens, veal calves and

Mr Baldry said Britain would be introducing more stringent checks on wild bird imports and would press for worldwide bans whenever there were sound scientific reasons for supposing that trade was harming the survival of species. He stopped short of pressing for a ban on the trade in wild birds into the EC, which several environmental groups see as the only humane solution.

Tony Suckling, of the RSPCA said: "We agree with 276 UK MPs and with the European Parliament that importing wild-caught birds should be banned."

Ron Davies. Labour spokesman on animal wel-fare, said that Labour would phase out battery hen cages, ban the import of all wild birds and campaign in Eurgoing to slaughterhouses.



Sweet success: the fudge factory in the St Hilda's workshop project in Whitby

Mother fights murder verdict

MEDICAL evidence suggesting that a mother whose baby son had been diagnosed as a cot-death victim had actually drowned him in the bath was "wholly unsupported", the Court of Appeal was sold vesterdav.

Jacqueline Fletcher, aged 27, is seeking leave to appeal against her conviction in 1988 of the murder four years previously of her sixweek-old son, Glen, Fletcher, of Nuneaton, Warwickshire, was jailed for life by Mr Jusnce Kennedy at Birmingham CLOMU COTILI"

David Martin-Sperry, for Fletcher, told Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Rose and Mr Justice Potts that the unmarried mother was prosecuted after a social worker heard her tell another of her children: "If you don't shut up, I will do the same what I done to the other one." The baby, found dead in

Fletcher's dirty, unheated flat his father was serving a prison sentence — had been thought to have been a cot death victim. However, the trial jury had been told that Fletcher had confessed to police that she had held her son's head under water while suffering post-natal depression. Mr Martin-Sperry said

drews, had backed the Crown's case that Glen had been drowned, but that this was wholly unsupported. The doctor had said, in layman's language, that the child's

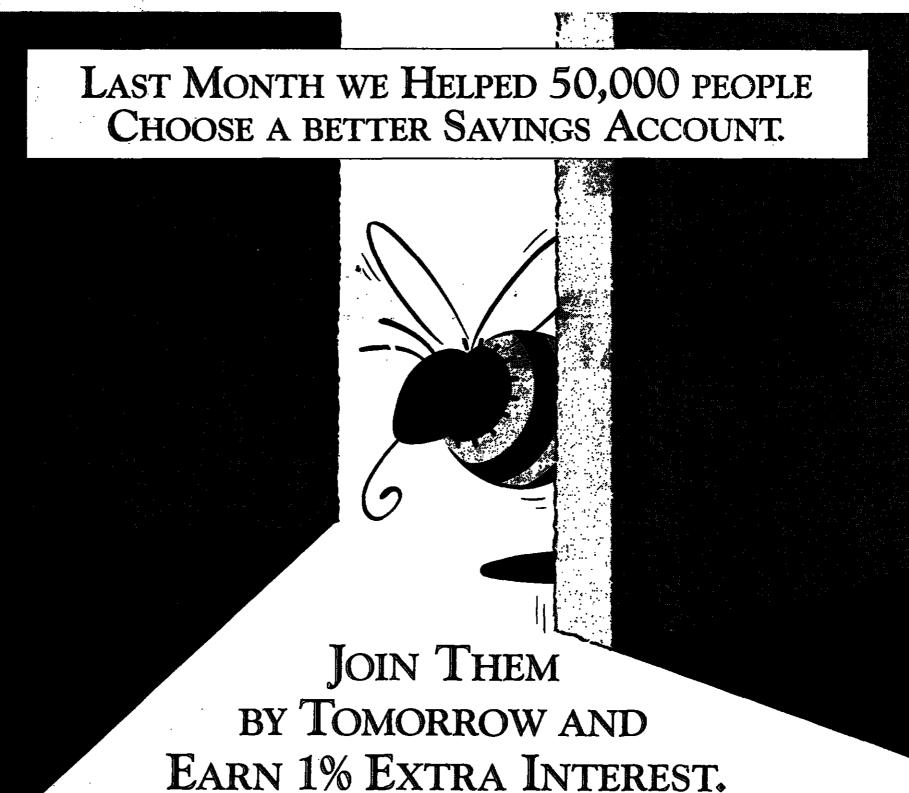
lungs were "waterlogged". The fluid to which Dr Andrews had referred had been naturally-produced bodily fluid, counsel said. The error had been left uncorrected by the witness and had been repeated by the trial judge in summing-up.

"The effect on the jury of this most unfortunate choice of words is really impossible to quantify," Mr Marun-Sperry said. "We say that error on its own raises questions about the jury's verdict." Mr Martin-Sperry argued

that the medical evidence, "irregular" interviews by police and the unreliability of Fletcher's confession, rendered her conviction "neither safe nor satisfactory".

Fletcher's case was taken up by Justice, the British section of the International Commission of Jurists. BBC The Rough Justice television programme criticised police for taking her confession in the absence of her solicitor. The hearing continues

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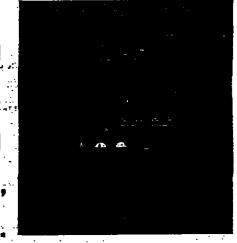
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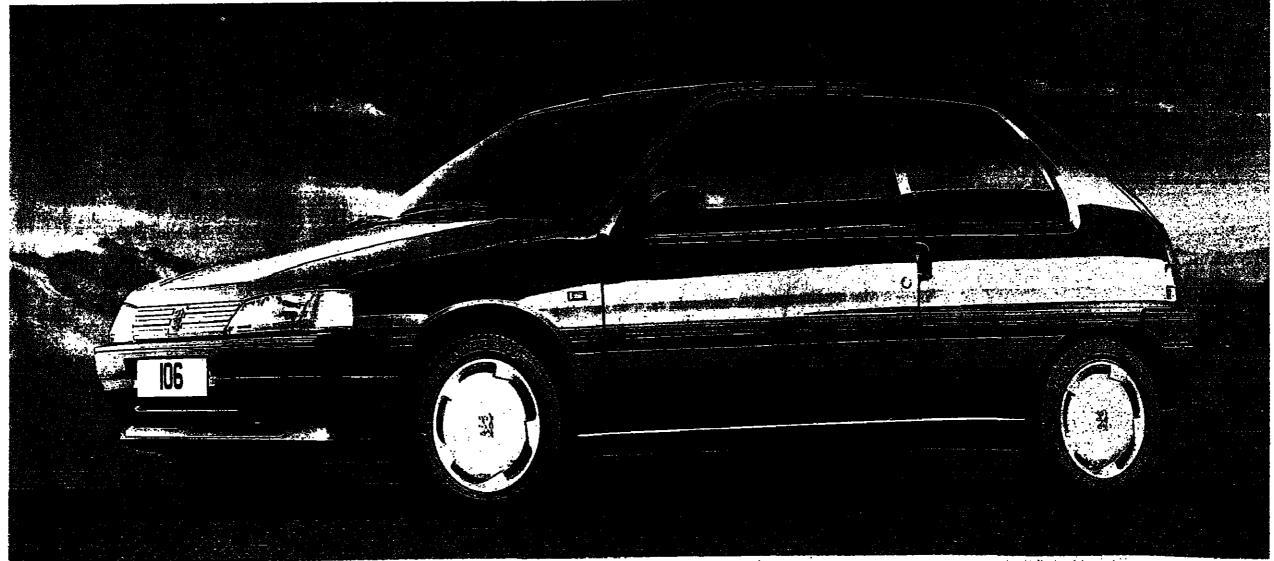
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Democratic rivals beat war drums in vital South

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

DEMOCRATIC hopes of a swift, clean race for the party's presidential nomination have been dashed by a nasty confrontation between two of the leading candidates.

Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska has decided to attack the character and integrity of Bill Clinton, the Arkansas governor, to prevent him win-ning the presidential nomination during the key Southem primaries in the next two weeks. Although Mr Clinton appears ready to respond in kind, Mr Kerrey's attacks are targeting his Achilles' heel. Polis show that allegations

Brooklyn teenager murders pupils

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

THE presence of 15 uniformed policemen inside a high school here was not enough to stop an angry pupil from pulling out his .38 revolver and murdering two

The double killing at the Jefferson school in Brooklyn on Wednesday has forced the city once again to confront the fact that its classrooms are no sanctuary from the culture of violence raging on the streets. In a bitter comment on the times, Kahlil Sumpter, aged 15, was able to evade the seven metal detectors normally operating at the school doors because security men had removed them ahead of a visit by David

Dinkins, the mayor.
The mayor's thenie was to appeal to end the violence in schools. Less than two hours after the gunfire in the corridor, Mr Dinkins arrived and told the pupils: "You've got to eliminate the violence." A banner over the school stage read: "The choice today is non-violence or non-existence."

According to witnesses Sumpter walked up behind Ian Moore, aged 17, as he walked between classes and shot him in the chest. He fired another shot into the head of Moore's friend, Ty-rone Sinkler, aged 16. Sump-ter was charged with murder in the adult category.

A schoolfriend of Moore

and Sinkler was so distraught that he went home and shot himself in the head. He remains in critical condition.

The killings followed a se-ries of school shootings. Last November a 14-year-old boy sprayed automatic fire at a group in the playground, killing one and wounding three. Most of the violence has been restricted to the inner-city districts, but earlier this month two New Jersey pupils allegedly strangled a classmate and left his body in his car in

the school grounds. Police say about half the teenage boys of the inner-city areas carry firearms. Some two dozen schools now operate metal detectors and body searches by armed guards.

of draft-dodging and adultary have left a significant number of voters doubtful about Mr Clinton. The charges have particular resonance in the patriotic, pro-military South, where Mr Clinton needs to

Mr Kerrey began his offen-sive after victory in the South Dakota primary on Tuesday gave his struggling campaign lifeline. The man who lost half a leg and won the Medal of Honour in Vietnam flew to Mr Clinton's Georgia stronghold where, surrounded by Vietnam veterans, he resurrected the draft-dodging allegations.

win if he is to unseat Presi-

Mr Kerrey tried to suggest the issue was simply electabil-ity. He said that Democrats "risked disaster" if they made Mr Clinton the nominee. The Arkansas governor would be "opened up like a soft pea-mu" this autumn by the Republican machine that de-stroyed Michael Dukakis in 1988. He, on the other hand, could take on Mr Bush, a second world war veteran, on

equal terms.

Mr Kerrey also claimed that Mr Clinton's avoidance of the Vietnam draft undermined the core of his presidential platform — the need for personal responsibility. "There was an evasion of responsibility," he insisted.

The Arkansas governor issued a furious response on Wednesday night, likening Mr Kerrey to that same Republican machine. "Bob Kerrey, like George Bush. would rather play politics with patriotism than address problems here at home," he said. "That's what George Bush will do in November when he points out that Bob Kerrey opposed Operation Desert Storm [the liberation of Kuwaitl con after the con-flict began."

He pointed out that Mr Kerry had discounted the draft sale in New Hampshire, but he was exploiting it now "for reasons that are obvious and highly political". It was "an insult to Southern

Insiders say Mr Clinton believes Mr Kerrey's challenge will ultimately prove harder to ward off than that of Paul Tsongas, a leading Democrat candidate, and he is moving back into the fight for Tuesday's Colorado pri-mary, which coincides with the Georgia primary, to stretch Mr Kerrey's limited resources. Mr Kerrey hopes to restrict the number of delegates Mr Clinton picks up in the South, and then move ahead in the big Northern primaries in states such as

New York and Pennsylvania. A Newsweek poll this week showed only 39 per cent of respondents thought Mr Clinton was honest. Exit polls showed 32 per cent of Democrats voting in South Dakota were not satisfied that he had the honesty and integrity to serve as president.

A University of Houston poll, said to parallel closely Mr Clinton's own Georgia polling, gave him strong support among committed Texas Democrats, but a 35-36 favourable-unfavourable rating when independent and Republican voters were

France hunts **Nidal** men for ship raid

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

A FRENCH judge, responsi-ble for pursuing terrorism cases, yesterday issued international arrest warrants against four Palestinians suspected of involvement in the murder of nine people in an attack on a Greek cruise ship

in July 1988.

The four are believed to have been members of the much-feared gang directed by Abu Nidal: one is thought to have been in charge of all terrorist operations carried out in Nidal's name.

Three French citizens were among those killed when the City of Poros was amacked in the Aegean Sea off Greece, and more than 80 other French citizens were among the passengers wounded by gunfire and grenades. The only suspect believed to have been aboard at the time was Adnan Sojod. The other three, Abdel Ahmid Amoud, Mehri Mehieddin and Samir. Muhammad Ahmed Khaidir, were allegedly involved in the organisation and logistics of the attack.

French anti-terrorist spe-cialists, working under Judge Jean-Louis Bruguière, believe that Mr Khaidir was Nidal's right-hand man and had been responsible for mounting the City of Poros opera-tion from Libya. According to reports here yesterday, he travels on a Libyan passport. Colonel Muammar Gadaffi's government is suspected of having provided assistance, ng weaponry.

By issuing the warrants, Judge Bruguière has fulfilled the vow of the French government of the day to pursue those reponsible for the at-tack. His action may also may go some way towards reducing the damage to France's image inflicted by the recent visit to Paris of George Habash, the leader of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, for medical treatment.

The government's han-ding of the Habash affair revived anxiety over France's commitment to taking effective measures against international terrorism. Some reports suggested that the judge was disappointed by the hasty departure of the man he was eager to question in connection with other terrorist attacks that have claimed French lives.

The killings on the City of Poros was seen in certain



Nidal: members of his gang behind attack

anti-terrorist circles as reprisal by Iran for the shooting down of an Iranian civil air liner by an American naval ship in the Gulf a few days earlier. It has been suggested that Hezbollah had co-oper ated with Nidal to secure vengeance for the death of the 290 civilians aboard.



Truck stop: watched by Syrian troops, lorries with food for Damascus are halted by snowdrifts at the village of Bahmadoun in Lebanon

Libya accused of terror links

FROM REUTER IN WASHINGTON

Libya surrender suspects in

the bombings. He said he would report to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secre-

tary-general, who would then

Mr Safronchuk was sent to Libya last weekend in an ap-parent effort to head off a threat by the United States.

Britain and France to push

for sanctions on Libya

because of its alleged role in the bombings. Mr Safron-

brief the security council.

LIBYA is operating at least five terrorist training camps and has made only cosmetic concessions to Western de-mands that it stop the pro-gramme, The Washington

Post reported yesterday.
Quoting senior American
officials, the newspaper said
that because of the training programme the Bush admin-istration was lobbying the United Nations to impose sanctions against Libya. These would stay in place even if Maammar Gadaffi. the Libyan leader, surren-dered the people suspected of carrying out the Lockerbie bombing in 1988 and the bombing of a French UTA flight over Africa in 1989, the Post said. The United States, France and Britain have demanded the suspects'

extradition.
US officials claimed that Colonel Gadaffi was continuing to provide funds and training to groups such as the IRA and Philippines rebels. The Post reported that a senior State Department official said the Libyan leader had closed five large training camps identified by American intelligence last November. But "the terrorists were moved to other training facilities, ones that were not list-ed", the official said.

The Post quoted one US official as saying the Libyan leader had temporarily scaled down relations with guerrilla groups, in some cases asking them to leave Libya, hoping to ease Western pressure. The official added that at present the United States was hoping to work in concert with other countries to force Colonel

Gadaffi's hand. Vasiliy Safronchuk, the under secretary-general for UN Security Council affairs, said he had a constructive, hour-long meeting with the Libyan leader in Tripoli yesterday over demands that

Palestinians and Israelis signal across the chasm

By MARTIN FLETCHER

WHEN the Israelis presented their Palestinian self-rule plan this week, a Palestinian delegate to the Middle East peace talks said it was so preposterous that those responsible "ought to have their necks broken". The remark was a figure of speech, but one the Israelis chose to take literally. Yossi Gal, their

spokesman, denounced it as "an incitement to violence". The exchange typified the tone of the talks which resumed in Washington on Monday. They have not degenerated into public muddinging the base by the state of the talks which the state of the talks with the state of the talks which the state of the talks which the state of the talks which results with the talks which slinging - they began like that. But behind all the insuits and accusations the fact remains that both sides are still here, still meeting, and for the first time ever the Israelis and Palestinians have given each other concrete plans for Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories.

The philosophical chasm between the two plans is so vast it will most likely prove unbridgeable, certainly this side of the Israeli general election, but there remains what James Baker, the American Secretary of State, calls a tiny "window of opportuni-ty". Ultimately Mr Baker may have to step in himself with Golden Gate-size bridging proposals backed by the clout of his office.

The Israeli plan essentially concedes nothing that could lead to an independent Palestinian state, while the Palestinian aim is exactly the opposite. The way Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian spokeswoman, put it was that "we start with the assumption we are human beings with rights, national rights and rights on the ground", while the Israelis start with the assumption that "they want to consolidate the occupation".

The Palestinian plan, called "Model of the Pales-tinian Interim Self-Govern-ment Authority", envisages a 180-member elected Palestinian assembly and judiciary which would take over from the Israeli army. The ten-page Israeli plan, entitled "Ideas for Peaceful Co-exis-tence During the Interim Per-iod", specifies a dozen areas where Palestinians could run their own day-to-day affairs. ranging from education to transport and taxation and agriculture.

However, it gives the Palestinians no control over land. security or Jewish settlers. It makes no mention of any single Palestinian administrative body, or of elections to choose Palestinian adminis-trators, or of an Israeli military withdrawal. Israeli officials said they had to retain control of security in the occupied territories because there were now 110,000 widely dispersed Jewish settlers compared to a concentration of about 10,000 in the late 1970s.

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Poll gives bad omen for Likud

FROM RICHARD BLESTON IN JERUSALEM

MOCK election results from a school in Ramat Gan, near Tel Aviv, yesterday underlined the predicament facing Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister. The polling among youngsters there has become something of a political tradition after votes accurately reflected the national trend ahead of Likud's general election victory in 1977. This week, however, it was

the turn of the opposition Labour party, now headed by the popular former general. Yitzhak Rabin, to sweep the classrooms, when it secured 34.5 per cent of the student vote, compared with Likud's dismal 15.6 per cent rating. The outcome will have no

bearing on the result of the general elections on June 23. but it still represents a bad omen for the ruling party.

IF IT'S DIFFICULT FOR YOUR BUSINESS TO GROW . . .

chuk met Colonel Gaddafi on

Monday, then went to

Geneva for consultations with

the secretary-general before returning to the Libyan capi-

tal on Wednesday.

Dr Boutros Ghali also held

talks in Geneva on Wednes-day with a Libyan envoy iden-tified as Colonel Yousef De-

bri, the security services chief.

"Everything was excellent," Dr Boutros Ghali said after

the 20-minute meeting.



KUWAIT NOTEBOOK by Christopher Walker

Kind words for Bosh and Tatcher

Whatever the voters of feel, President Bush (commonly spelt "Bosh") remains the most popular man in Kuwait, with a main street named after him and fulsome praise expressed in those graffiti that have not yet been removed.

Perhaps conscious of the ephemeral nature of such popularity, the United States embassy has gone to extraordinary lengths to ensure that a reminder of it will remain even as the memories of the heady days of February 1991 begin to fade. Painters whitewashing the walls of the seafront compound were ordered to preserve one sprayed painted message of the many in-scribed after liberation.

As a result, a huge wooden and glass frame some 15 feet long has been placed over the declaration stating in red lettering: "Thanks for Bosh and American people." European diplo-mats, jealous at what they regard as over-close Kuwaiti and US collusion over the handout of postwar contracts, questioned cynically whether this unique example of embassy decor will remain after Novembe Almost as popular is Mrs

Thatcher - one roundabout Let's bosh up a few walls' for posterity A



still carries the improbably spelt message: Tank U Tatcher — with most Kuwaitis expressing amazement at her removal from For those intent on readTories, despite the fact that it is impossible to find a Kuwaiti who has even heard of Neil Kinnock. Among the

various endearments to missed loved ones and ruderies zimed at Saddam scrawled by allied troops on the hundreds of wrecked vehicles still littering the desert at the Mitia ridge. one prominent message sticks out incongruously from the rusting detritus of the war: "F ... the poll tax."

Candi Arabia has made no Daccommodation with Western influence imported during the Gulf war and res to discriminate against the women who organised a protest by driving their own cars, but Kuwait has moved in the opposite direction. This month the traffic department forbade all women wearing the full Muslim veil from driving while the grow-

ing political significance ing number sporting fashinto the wartime graffiti, all does not bode well for the remain free to do so.

Politicking here takes place in a traditionally all-male institution, the Diwaniya, the equivalent of a salon which is held nightly over endless cups of sweet tea in the homes of the rich and well connected. Undeterred by custom, one of these weekly gatherings has now been thrown open to both sexes. The mixed Diwaniya is

hosted by one of the most remarkable women in the reminatore women in the emirate. Sheika Doctura Rasha Al-Hamood Al-Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, first cousin of the emir, a 41-year-old academic who is now one of the most vocal campaigners for women's rights. Dr Rasha, as she prefers to be known, hosted Mrs Thatcher to her Diwaniva. where the former prime minister tried to discourage the men present from dominating the debate.

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Moscow sheds light on mystery of missing US spy planes



Powers: possibly one

THE Russian ministry of state security, founded on the remains of the old KGB, has given details of two occasions on which Soviet planes shot down American spy planes. both predating the notorious

U2 incident in 1960. When the U2 plane was shot down and its pilot, Gary Powers, taken prisoner, the Soviet leadership insisted that his was just one of many such incidents, but no details were made public. At a press conference held yesterday to in-troduce the new-look Russian Federation security service, General Aleksandr Gurov said that the earlier incidents had taken place in 1956 and 1958 respectively, and both

Russia has opened its secret files to reveal facts about other incidents before the 1960 shooting down of a U2 plane, Mary Dejevsky writes from Moscow

menia from Turkey.

involved planes entering the cans. The second incident then Soviet republic of Armenia from Turkey.

General Gurov accused America of refusing to release information that would identify the servicemen involved. He said that in the 1956 incident, which took place on June 27, five airmen had parachuted to safety and been held in Armenia. He said they were subsequently handed back to the Ameri-

airmen were likely to have been flying incognito. None of the names in the Russian records, he said, matched those listed by Mr Salter as was said to have taken place. on September 4, 1958, when The Russian ministry said a military aircraft entered Ar-

it would propose the formation of a commission com-The general said that an prising American and Rus-American investigator worksian defence ministry officing for families of American ials, as well as security missing persons, whom he officials from both sides, to named as Mark Salter, had investigate such cases. The been informed by the Pentapress conference also dealt gon that the documents relatwith such hitherto uncoming to such cases were still fortable topics for the KGB as classified. A document had telephone-tapping and bans

been supplied, he said, but

names had been given,

with the names erased. Even

General Gurov said that the

on the entry into the country of foreigners and former Sov-

Igor Zinchenko, from the counter-espionage service, said that a total of 5,378 people were still refused entry to the country, by far the greatest number of them suspected terrorists. Three further categories of banned individuals comprised known criminals and spies, suspected narcotics traders and smugglers, and those infected with the Aids virus.

He said that a fifth reason for refusing entry — the ideological views of the applicant — had been abolished last December, Any problems experienced by former dissidents and others after then. he said, were the responsibility of the Russian foreign ministry's consular department. He admitted continuing delays and quoted poor communications, shortage of money and reorganisation in the foreign ministry as source

of the problems. • Moscow: A spokesman for the northern fleet of the former Soviet navy claimed yes-terday that the American submarine which collided with a Russian submarine two weeks ago in the Barents Sea was at least five nautical miles inside Russian territorial waters and within a Russian naval training area. In an interview with the Tass

sandr Veledeyev said that such incidents had been an almost annual occurrence between 1967 and 1986, but that this was the first registered case since then.

He said that the American submarine had successfully used a combination of the acoustic peculiarities of the Barents Sea and the proximity of a Russian trawler to conceal its presence from the Russian submarine. He cited Russian specialists as saying that the American captain had acted dangerously. The northern fleet, the spokesman stressed, had no nuclear submarines in any proximity to

Iranian efforts fail to stop fighting in Nagorno-Karabakh

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE bloody conflict in the trans-Caucasus between Armenia and Azerbaijan defied the latest mediation effort yesterday, when a three-day ceasefire brokered by Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian foreign minister, collapsed with-in hours of coming into force. Each side blamed the other for renewing the violence and gave warnings of all-out war.

Dr Velayati was initially reported to have left Baku, the Azerbaijani capital, for the disputed territory of Nagor-no-Karabakh, the predominantly Armenian enclave, but his whereabouts were uncertain last night. Dr Velayati came to the region on Tues day to pursue the first outside attempt to mediate in the four-year old conflict.

Yesterday, Armenian and Russian reports blamed Azerbaijan for the failure of the latest ceasefire, accusing Azerbaijani forces, armed with tanks, combat helicopters and Grad missiles, of launching a new offensive from Agdam, to the northeast of the territory. The reports said Azerbaijani forces has penetrated three miles into the territory and that people in the town of Askyaran, on the main route to Stepana-kert, the capital of Nagorno-Karabakh, had been killed and wounded.

Azerbaijan, for its part, accused Armenians from Askyaran of opening fire on edam region.

Milosevic

says war

is over

FROM TIM JUDAH

AND DESSA TREVISAN

IN BELGRADE

SLOBODAN Milosevic, the

Serbian president, yesterday hailed the planned deploy-ment of a United Nations

peacekeeping force in Yugo-

slavia as a "great success for

Serbian policy".
In his first speech to parlia-

ment since the beginning of the conflict, he said that the

decision to send a 14,000-

strong UN force marked the end of the war and was a

vindication of Serbia's poli-cies. He said: "Most of the

agony is over and the condi-

tions now exist for a peaceful

democratic solution of the

Mr Milosevic was speaking

the day after it was confirmed

that Serbia would return to

the European Communitysponsored peace conference which broke down last Nov-

ember. The conference collapsed after Serbia refused to

endorse an EC plan for the

transformation of the six Yu-

goslav republics into a loose

association of sovereign

Mr Milosevic stoutly de-

fended his refusal to agree to

the EC plan yesterday. He

said that had he done so it

would have left the three Ser-

bian enclaves, known as the

Krajinas, "at the mercy of the

Croats and under Croatian

authority". He said that the decision of the UN Security

Council to send troops con-

firmed this approach and

meant "the end of violence

Krajinas".

return fire. Each side accused troops from the former Soviet armed forces, now the forces dependent States, of fighting on the other side.

Yesterday's ceasefire came into force at 9am and, unlike a ceasefire announced 24 hours before, initially appeared to hold. It followed a battle for the Azerbaijanipopulated town of Khojaly on Wednesday, when Armenian forces were reported to have



ejected Azerbaijani forces after intense fighting. Azer-baijan denied that the town had fallen to Armenia, but reported almost 100 dead and 250 wounded. Armenia .put the toll much lower.

During Wednesday night, Azerbaijani forces were reported to have bombarded Stepanakert, an Armenian from nearby Shusha, their last remaining stronghold in the enclave. On Russian tele-Armenia said that this was fleeing the city, leaving blocks

Nato to

transfer

weapons

By MICHAEL EVANS

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NATO is about to begin a

free-for-all transfer of thou-

sands of tanks, artillery and armoured personnel carriers

from the best equipped alli-

ance armies to the poorest

members. All the armour is

guaranteed to be "in good running and shooting order". The transfer programme, allowed under the Conven-

tional Forces in Europe (CFE)
Treaty, was initially called
"cascading" when the idea
first arose about two years

ago. Now it is officially called

Under the treaty, thou-sands of pieces of heavy ar-

mour will have to be destroyed to meet the new

ceilings on conventional arms

in Europe. Nato, however,

wants to ensure that only the oldest equipment is scrapped. With some adroit redistribu-

tion, countries like Turkey

and Greece, armed with some

of the oldest tanks in the

alliance, will receive newer models from the stocks of

better-off alliance members.

while their ageing models are

their newer models free.

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of flats and houses in flames. The Iranian mediation effort follows a failed mediation attempt by President Yeltsin last month and is believed to reflect a dual strategy by Iran. On the one hand it fears the spread of the conflict to its own Azerbaijani population; on the other, it appears to be competing, especially with Turkey, for influence in the former Soviet republics. Ar-menia, although Christian, is supporting the Iranian effort, while expressing concern that the Armenian side should be heard fairly. Dr Velayati is expected to visit Yerevan, the Armenian capital, after he has been to Nagorno-

hail Gorbachev and, in September, by the Russian and Kazakhstan leaders to bring peace to the disputed region have all failed. Any ceasefire is complicated by the fact that most of the fighting is being done by irregular troops. Many are volunteers, others fugitives from the former Soviet armed forces. According to the Moscow military paper, Krasnaya Zvezda, large groups of Armenians and Azerbaijani soldiers stationed in the region trans-ferred their allegiance to their home republic after Moscow withdrew its interior ministry

Earlier attempts by Mik

forces early this year. Armed forces spokesmen in Moscow deny that any commonwealth units are support ing either side, but concede that frustration among officers in Stepanakert is reaching a dangerous level. On Monday, troops stationed in the city were authorised to return fire, after attacks and casualties became more frequent. At least three Russian soldiers have been killed in the recent upsurge in

President Ter-Petrossian of Armenia has sent a message to leaders of 14 countries, including the United States, appealing to them to per-suade Azerbaijan not to form a national army or take any action which could break the "fragile balance of forces in the region". He also asked commonwealth leaders to prevent Azerbaijan from seizing weapons belonging to the commonwealth armed forces. Union meeting: Parliamentary chairmen or their deputies from ten states of the commonweath met in Moscow yesterday in an attempt to form an inter-parliamentary union, intended to standardise parliamentary and legislative practice across the commonwealth. Uzbekistan had said it would not attend.



Flight to safety: an Azerbaijani villager flees with his child from Kocali. in Nagorno Karabakh yesterday during an Armenian attack

Britain lines up EC allies to curb big-spending Delors

A MAJORITY of European governments, led by Britain, have come out against a huge increase in EC spending during the 1990s suggested by Jacques Delors, the European commission's president, earlier this month.

First soundings taken among the 12 governments this week found that the EC's eight richest states are all cool towards M Delors's plan to boost the £33 billion annual Brussels budget by 30 per cent between now and 1997. The attack will be continued by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, when foreign min-isters hold their first discus-sion of M Delors's proposals here next Monday.

"The British attacked the figures and they did it very effectively," one EC diplomat said, describing this week's

regular meeting of EC ambassadors. British officials yesterday confirmed that, if the Delors proposals were passed intact, Britain's contribution to the annual EC budget would rise by around El billion. That assumes the British "rebate", negotiated amid much uproar by Mrs

Thatcher in 1984, continues. The Commission is due to report to the Lisbon summit in June on Britain's unique discount, and the British government will insist on keeping the rebate. "There will be no settlement of this review without the continuation of the British rebate," one offi-

The present budget negotiations differ sharply from the last round of arguments about Europe's money, which began in 1987. Those de-

bates took place against the background of a booming international economy and looming troubles inside the EC, which was running out of money. Europe's govern-ments are now facing a deeper than expected recession. Germany, the largest contributor to the EC budget, is devoting massive resources to rescuing what used to be East Germany. The Bonn govern-ment disapproves of the Delors plans, and the opposition Social Democrats said

should not increase its payments to Brussels. British officials also note that the Community has money to spare in the present budget. They estimate that the EC's 1993 budget could be organised without a new

this week that Germany

Pavarotti may enter electoral stage

Craxi gave for Luciano Pavarotti yesterday has led to speculation the former prime minister is planning a colpo di teatro for Italy's election campaign by persuading the tenor to perform as a socialist candidate.

Signor Craxi first hinted at the unusual meal on Wednesday by saying. We are occupying ourselves with pre-electoral cooking. We have to finish the lists and we are late. But I have to go to Modena to meet a friend." fter eating with the socialist leader near his home in Modena yesterday, the opera star proclaimed: "I m not a politician, only a musician." But he added: "I can put my voice in the service of any cause and I am happy to do so, especially if I am an ad-

Political parties along the peninsular are wooing "Candidati Eccellenti" as the April 5 contest draws near. The neo-fascist Italian Social Movement has led the way by recruiting Alessandra Mussolini who is the granddaughter of the dictator and vhose looks also recall her

aunt Sophia Loren: Signor Craxi does not in-tend to be outdone. Pavarotti is a candidate for a series of great international successes in the lyrical field in which he is a maestro, Signor Craxi

But Signor Craxi said the role of opera in uniting Italy in the tradition of Verdi should not be underestimated at a time when regional "leagues" are threatening to break up the country.
"Payarotti is not only a great
lyric talent but a great ambassador of Italy and I am
reflecting on the fact that the lyrical message helps to bol-ster consciousness of the nat-ional identity. It is a heritage common to all Italians, a value that unites the Italians and in these times, this is necessary given the facts of separation and dis-integration." The flower in the buttonhole of an electoral list was how La



Repubblica saw a role for

Pavarotti: ardent admirer of Craxi

financing agreement. Kohl and Havel hope to lay ghost of Munich

Protests mar new pact of friendship

FROM GERARD DAVIES IN PRAGUE

destroyed.

Nato sources said yesterday that all the negotiations between the alliance members had now been completed and harmonisation would begin in a few weeks. Nato funds will pay for the shipment of heads of state, crying "Shame on you" and "Traithe armour but most of the tors". They gave the Nazi "receiving countries" will get salute to shouts of "Heil Havel" as the two men gathered The beneficiaries of harhere in a controversial attempt to correct the wrongs

MORE than 2,000 angry impossible to completely nulprotesters greeted the Ger-man and Czechoslovak because of the legal difficulty lify the Munich Agreement regarding the citizenship of Sudeten Germans. The chancellor said: "I hope this agreement will form a contribution to bilateral understanding and that those of my compatriots, who were expelled after the war from

Sudeten exiles left in the lurch FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

one of three million exiled Sudeten Germans who is not impressed by the fact that Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, flew to Prague yesterday to sign a good

FRAU Gerte Werner is just



the Munich Agreement of 1938. It cancels the 1938 decision to hand the Sudetenland to Germany and condemns the fact that three million Sudeten Germans were expelled after the war. But because Germany regards the confiscation of ex-iles property as illegal, there is no mention of who owns what in Czechoslovakia.

Equally, there is no men-

Germans would lose the right to German citizenship granted them at Munich. Frau Werner remembers how happy she was when,

aged 20, she became German. She hated having to learn Czech at school and, like many of her friends, took to wearing white stockings as a sign that she was German. When the Sudetenland was ceded to Germany, she and her friends were excited.

Widowed, she now lives comfortably in Cologne. The German government has paid her 1,200 marks (£410) compensation for the furniture she had to leave in her flat in Prague and 20,000 marks for the confiscated

Russia tells IMF of route to reform

Moscow: The Russian government yesterday approved a memorandum detailing how it intended to comply with conditions for member ship of the International Monetary Fund. Measures announced include the relax-ation of most remaining price controls and internal convertibility of the rouble. Introducing the document, Aleksandr Ulyukayev, a senior government adviser, said that the memorandum amounted to a written programme for Rus-

sia's economic reform. The programme envisage the gradual removal of state subsidies from prices of raw materials, including coal and oil, and the reduction of Russia's monthly inflation rate to between 2 and 3 per cent by the end of the year. Most raw materials were exempted from the liberalisation of prices introduced on January 2, but producers have clamoured for an increase under pressure from their workforce

to raise wages.

IMF officials have said that Western backing for the rouble would be sending good money after bad unless the currency was able to show a convincing recovery, and Russian officials admitted yesterday that they had no grounds for believing that the IMF had changed its mind. At present, the rouble is showing an unexpected recovery against the dollar, al-though opinions differ as to whether the recovery is real or engineered.

Army moves in Tirana: Troops moved in to restore order in the Albanian town of Pogradec after two people died and 36 police and security men were injured in an orgy of looting and lawlessness, a city council official

said. (Reuter)

Spies sacked Amsterdam: The Nether-

lands has closed its foreign intelligence service because of allegations of fraud and dic-tatorial practices, losing it the respect of the espionage world, Rund Lubbers, the

prime minister, said. **Peking visit**

Peking: General Viktor Samsonov, the chief of staff of the armed forces of the Commonwealth of Independent States, has arrived in Peking as the first high-level military visitor since the dismantling of the Soviet Union.

Cholera talks

Buenos Aires: The health ministers of ten South American countries are meeting here for two days of talks to discuss an unprecedented joint initiative to combat the cholera epidemic which is sweeping the region.

Bomb daim

Athens: Two Jeft-wing Greek urban guerrilla organisa-tions, the May I and Revolutionary Popular Struggle groups, jointly claimed re-sponsibility for Wednesday's bomb blast that wounded 18 policemen. (Reuter)

Guerrilla strike

Manila: Communist guerrillas killed a police commander, an aide and 10 govern-ment employees in southern Philippines, police said. The killings followed an ambush on February 16 in which 41 soldiers were killed. (Reuter)

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Piracy curbs

Kuala Lumpur: Shipowners plan to set up an anti-piracy centre in Malaysia to curb piracy in South-East Asia, the international maritime bu-reau said. Nearly 150 pirate attacks were reported in the

monisation will be Turkey. and terror for Serbs in the tion of compensation for Greece, and to a lesser extent, of the second world war. what the Nazis did to the Spain, Portugal, Denmark The new treaty of friendtheir homeland in today's Czechs. In both countries The Serbian president was and Norway. A total of 4,000 ship, signed by Helmut Czechoslovakia, will contribthis is causing controversy. Mr. Havel originally ofstrongly attacked by Zoran pieces of equipment will be Kohl, the German chancelute to a reconciliation." Horovan, the leader of the Mr Havel said: "There are swapped around, 2,800 from lor, and President Havel, has fered to allow the Sudeten main opposition party, who said Mr Milosevic was re-America. The other "donataroused bitterness on both many question marks on this Germans back on condition ing countries" are Germany, sides. The treaty is an attreaty but I am convinced that Germany agreed to accept that the entire Munich neighbour and friendship sponsible for "thousands of Italy and The Netherlands. tempt to make up for the that within a few months treaty with Czechoslovakia. young Serbian graves". He Britain is not involved. Offici-Nazi invasion, and the postthey will play no role at all. Every European, including The new treaty took Agreement was invalid. The chancellor refused to accept claimed that the republic had als at supreme headquarters war explusion of Germans months to negotiate and is been humiliated, the econoallied powers Europe (Shape) from the Sudetenland in the Sudetens, will have the designed to overcome the that condition because it opportunity to invest or to my destroyed and that "hunat Mons in Belgium said the legacy of mistrust created by would mean that Sudeten family home. Herr Kohl said that it was live in this country." ger was knocking on the cost of transferring the equipment would be £57 million.

Army tightens its grip on Tigers' Jaffna stronghold

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN VAVUNIYA

SRI Lanka's armed forces have encircled the rebel-held Jaffna peninsula, imposing a stranglehold that is unprecedented in the nine years of civil war. From food to candles and petrol, almost nothing gets through without military approval.

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Thousands of people leave the peninsula every day by foot and bicycle for the gov-ernment-controlled market town of Vavuniya, where they buy whatever the army lets them take back. The proces-

Officers punished in Timor

FROM MOSES MANOHARAN IN JAKARTA

THE Indonesian army said vesterday that it had punished six senior officers for last November's mass killing of civilians in East Timor, in what diplomats said was an attempt to calm international

outrage. General Edi Sudrajat, the army chief, said three of the six had been dismissed, two were taken off active duty and another had been temporarily suspended. Eight other soldiers of lower rank would be court-martialled, he said.

Soldiers fired into a crowd of mourners in the East Timor capital of Dili on November 12. Witnesses say at least 100 people were killed while an official enquiry put the number at 50.

The punishments were the most severe meted out to the powerful military since it brought President Suharto to power 26 years ago. "We have learnt a big lesson," a solemn General Sudrajat told reporters as he announced the findings of a special military council investigating the killings. He said the punishments were part of steps to

correct indiscipline.

But he also came out strongly against a softer line taken in East Timor since 1989 to handle separatist sentiment. General Sudrajat said that this had given the rebels a chance to embarrass Indonesia.

A small band of pro-independence guerrillas continues to harass the military in East Timor, a former Portuguese colony which Indonesia invaded in 1975. Its rule there is not internationally recognised. General Studrajat's view underlined a hardline approach to East Timor, closed to journalists on Wednesday before the approach of a Portuguese vessel carrying protesters. (Reuter)

sion reveals the desperation of people on the edge of survival. Even this meagre supply

route was broken this week by almost commuous curiews. From the last military checkpoint north of Vavuniya, beyond which the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eclam are in control, the sound of nearby explosions and gunfire confirmed that the military was tightening the ring. The military bans scores of items from Jaffna, including batteries, new bicycles, candles, most fertilisers and pesticides, bicy-cle spares, torches, engine parts and a large range of medicines - anything that

might help the Tigers.

It is confident that it could take Jaffna town at any time, albeit with heavy casualties. The 800,000 residents of the peninsula fear such an assault because many would die. The government of President Premadasa is uncertain whether to order the town to be taken, however, because it would expose thousands of troops to guerrilla attacks, from jungle hideouts. High

civilian casualties could pro-

voke a human rights outcry.

Never has the army been in such a commanding position.

Some senior army officers give the impression of being frustrated by the indecision at a time when they have never been so strong. The uncertainty is adding to the wretchedness of life in the peninsula. There has been no electricity for two years; mutritional food is in short supply; the few hospitais need more drugs and equipment; farms are barely functioning; there is no industry; tens of thousands of homeless people live in camps, churches and school buildings; there are no transport or telephone services. The war has cost 17,000 lives and destroyed tens of thousands of homes. Reconstruction could cost £290 million.

Control of the supply routes gives the government an impogrant psychological advan-tage. There is evidence of rising antipathy towards the Tigers, born out of desperation for peace. But the rebels maintain ruthless control through a formidable intelli-



Premadasa: undecided about seizing town

Policeman tells of plot against ANC

FROM GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

AN officer of the South African police has admitted ordering black constables to kill African National Congress sympathisers, as part of a covert strategy to support the rival Inkatha Freedom party.

The testimony yesterday of Captain Brian Mitchell, aged 34, before the Supreme Court in Pietermaritzburg, northwest of Durban, was evidence of active police involvement in November 1988 it was clear political violence ravaging the UDF was "getting the black communities." the UDF was "getting the upper hand" in Trust Feed.

The court has heard that the attack ordered by Captain Mitchell went wrong. Instead of targeting the home of an ANC sympathiser, the con-stables shot mourners attending a funeral vigil at another house, most of whom were officers accompanied Mr Ga-Inkatha supporters. Women

Il killed and eight injured. Captain Mitchell, two other white officers, and four Captain Terblanche told him black constables are charged with murder and attempted murder in connection with the incident at the Trust Feed community in Natal on December 3, 1988. The three white officers deny participat-ing in the attack; the constables admit taking part, but say they were acting on orders

they considered lawful.

Captain Mitchell said in his defence that he had instructed the constables to attack members of the United Democratic Front (UDF), a surrogate of the ANC which and he instructed the man to was then banned. When he

found out who had been killed, he was shocked. Captain Mitchell said he saw himself as a soldier fighting in a civil war. He sympa-thised with Inkatha because

they never made areas

ungovernable.

Captain Mitchell said he perceived Jerome Gabela, a local Inkatha leader, to be weak, and towards the end of He expressed his concerns to Captain Deon Terblanche, then head of the riot police in Pietermaritzburg, who said he would take up the matter

with Inkatha leaders. On November 30, the two bela and other Inkatha memand children were among the bers to a meeting with David Ntombela, an Inkatha warlord, Captain Mitchell said. that riot squad members were helping Inkatha to secure their own areas and take over

UDF ones.

On the day of the attack, Captain Mitchell spent time drinking beer and vodka with colleagues. That night they picked up the constables and ordered them "to attack the UDF". After gunfire, one constable reported they had killed people. Captain Mitchell noted that the home of a UDF sympathiser, the intended target, was not on fire



Hand in hand: Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of Cambodia's Supreme National Council, greeting Khieu Samphan, the Khmer Rouge leader, yesterday in Pailin while touring rebel areas in Cambodia

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Lange unrepentant over sword's sale

David Lange, New Zealand's changed her mind and will former prime minister, is unrepentant over the sale of a ceremonial sword given to him in 1985 by the Emir of Bahrain while he was in office. The Dominion newspaper reported that Mr Lange sold the sword at an auction last year, receiving 550 New Zealand dollars (£170). The buyer said he valued it at £14,000.

Mr Lange was emphatic the sword was a personal gift from the emir, not a gift to the state. "I've got no qualms about it," he said. "There was no fuss about it and no insult intended." Mr Lange's new wife, Margaret Pope, decided to sell the sword. "It's evil and ugly and I wouldn't have it in the house," she said.

Unaccompanied teenagers will be banned from next week's concert by American singer Paula Abdul in South Korea, where a girl died and dozens were injured at a New Kids On the Block concert last week, when frenzied teenagers stormed the stage.

Ringo Starr says he will have a new album in May and will follow that with a summer tour featuring fellow-rockers
Joe Walsh, Nils Lofgren,
Dave Edmunds, Todd Rundgren and others.

La Cicciolina, the Italian porn star and MP. has stand in the April general elections, even though this may lead to her divorce. Her husband, New York artist Jeff Koons, reportedly banned his wife from attending parliament after their marriage and has threatened divorce if she stands again.

Former Minder star Dennis Waterman's 16-year old daughter, Hannah, has won her way through to the national finals of a Shakespeare recital competition. Hannah first won the preliminary round at St Felix school in Reydon, Suffolk, by reciting a passionate passage from Henry VIII.

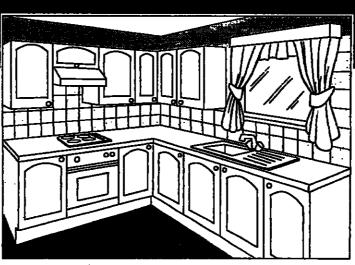
The biographer Kitty Kelley is to address the Oxford Union next month to discuss the motion "This house would keep its skeletons in the cupboard." Ms Kelley, whose candid books about Eliza-beth Taylor, Nancy Reagan and Frank Sinatra outraged the stars, will be opposed by the television presenters Nicholas Parsons and Judith

Actress Gienda Jackson called off a visit to the London Drama Centre in Chalk Farm vesterday to be with her injured son. Daniel Hodges. aged 22, lost an eye in an incident in a public house on Monday.

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partly responsible as a Treasury

minister in 1987-9, but his

direct role was limited to push-

ing Mrs Thatcher into the

exchange-rate mechanism in

October 1990. Economically,

this may have been right, but politically it came at the wrong

moment, since the pain of adjusting to the new fixed rate

has been felt in the run-up to an election. Mr Major's strategy

has been broadly correct since

then, though the electorate may

not thank him for accepting the Treasury view that last autumn

recovery would start. In America, Mr Bush had an

even smaller direct role, as a

sidelined vice-president, in the

errors of the early-to-mid 1980s.

But as he took charge in January 1989 (before Mr

Major), he bears more responsi-

bility for the situation now. He

— and the Democrat-controlled Congress — failed to tackle the

budget deficit early enough.

And after being forced to reverse

How to hide a tax

Tony Travers on a ruse to delay poll tax bills

new local government year is dawning; 40 million brown envelopes have been bought; franking machines are being oiled; computers are being programmed. Soon 40 million new poll-tax bills will be printed and posted. Their arrival on doormats will remind every voter in mainland Britain that one of the major parties seeking to win support at the major parties seeking to win support at the election was responsible for thinking up, forcing through and — for a while at least — toughing out

the mess that was (and still is) the poll tax.

Put even more bluntly, most adults will receive an election address from each candidate, plus perhaps in the same post — an official reminder about the most ghastly policy disaster of modern times. Worse, the 1992 bills will on average have risen by three or four times the current rate of inflation. Bryan Gould will have a field day.

The above is a distinctly glum projection (for the Conservatives, anyway) of what will happen in the next few weeks. Last March, the Chancellor, Norman Lamont, used £4.5 billion worth of Value Added Tax to reduce the political potency of the community charge. Despite odd rumbles about poll-tax arrears and the inadmissibility of computer-generated evidence, chopping the 1991 local tax bills was sufficient to stifle heir influence on the opinion polls.

f all goes well for Mr Major, the bills which are now being set for 1992 will pass without further damage to the Tories. The massive switch of local tax from local to central government will prove to have had a lasting impact on the capacity of the poll tax to damage the government's popularity. Average bills will settle at around £280, which is up only about £30 on this year. Moreover, Michael Heseltine will use his considerable rhetorical skills to lay the blame for high community charge bills, especially the ominously-named "other adjustments" for noncollection, at the foot of opposition councils.

Who knows which of these views of the immediate future is correct? With poll tax now raising an amount equivalent to about 1 ½ per cent of the gross domestic product (all other taxes, such as income tax and VAT, add up to more than 35 per cent), there must be a fair chance that the government really has, with our money, bought its way out of the community charge maze. But still a nagging doubt must remain. What if things continue to run along with the two parties neck-and-neck? Poil-tax bills begin to arrive in the middle of March, just as the election campaign is starting. Suddenly either increases in bills (which look likely to be biggest in a number of Tory councils with marginal parliamentary seats) or perhaps, the reminder of past hostility has a decisive effect on the electorate. By that time, it will be too late to act to

o the question now facing the cabinet is whether or not to act to cut poll-tax bills A 10 per cent (£30 per adult) slice off every poll-tax would cost the Exchequer about £1 billion. less than half the expense of 1p off basic rate income tax. Moreover, in addition to the potentially beneficial electoral effect of such a cut, the actual process of sending out bills could be held up until after an April (or possibly even a May) election. Other as yet unimagined ruses to delay bills cannot be ruled out.

Gould would argue that a grand act of political skulduggery had been perpetrated. The resulting political conundrum would then be whether Labour would win more votes by accusing the government of unfair practice, than the Conservatives would save by delaying the bills.

Such questions cannot yet be answered, but the risks to the government of allowing community charge bills to arrive during March and April are there for all to see. As the prime minister and his Chancellor weigh up the possible uses to which their spare cash may be put, throwing a bit more at the poll-tax bill (as Mr Major might put it) may be a most attractive option. Leaving things alone and merely letting the bills thud onto doormats would be like the Russian roulette player putting a gun to his head and pulling the trigger: brave. but possibly fatal.

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Mrs Thatcher and Ronald Reagan cast a shadow over their successors, says Peter Riddell

John Major likes to talk electoral politics with other heads of government, one professional to another. But his phone calls to George Bush must have an air of mutual commiscration. In both Britain and America the expression rate. and America the economic cycle is not synchronised with the political cycle. Not only do both leaders face tight elections, they are both still trying to escape their predecessors shadows.

Nothing is more uncomfortable in politics than to take over from a highly successful leader who caught the mood of an age. Heirs apparent seldom succeed. The Tories' long deminance The Tories' long dominance under Lord Salisbury soon unravelled under Balfour. Neville Chamberlain proved an unworthy successor to Baldwin, and Eden's long apprenticeship under Churchill was followed by

brief and total failure. Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan embodied the spirit of the 1980s, though at times more in myth than achievement. They were the crusaders who led the counter-revolution against collectivism and communism. In the past week, mutterings have surfaced that the former leaders disapprove of the actions of their successors. Allies of Mrs Thatcher report her dismay at

Major's poisoned legacy

at its cuts in the defence budget and its caution in helping the former Soviet republics. Mr Reagan is said to have told friends that Mr Bush faced reelection difficulties because he "doesn't seem to stand for anything". In both cases, stories about disloyal remarks were predictably denied. Mrs Thatcher is keen not to be seen to be rocking the boat before the election. and she will be out of the country for the eight days up to April 9. But a sense that the true faith is being undermined still persists. Yet the complaints of the Thatcherites and Reaganites are misplaced. The difficulties faced by Mr Major and Mr Bush are largely the result of their predecessors' excesses. They are paying for the sins of the father and the mother, like characters

in an Ibsen play. The specific excesses differ. In America, a mismatch of government spending and taxes sent the budget deficit soaring, while in Britain the main problem was

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an unsustainably fast expansion of credit. Each was compounded by failure to appreciate the results of removing regulations. In America, the deregulation of savings and loan companies (building societies) while government guaranteed their deposits triggered a boom of irresponsible lending and fraud which is now costing taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars. The bill is probably at least five or six times that of the Gulf war. In Britain, the easing of controls fuelled a housing and credit boom in which many people over-extended them-selves, especially the newly afflu-ent in the south-east, Thatcher's children. John Muellbauer, one of the first economists to spot the problem, has argued in The Oxford Review of Economic Pol-

icy that "the greatest policy error of all was not to compensate for

the radical reform of the finan-cial system by sweeping away the main fiscal privileges for owner-occupation. In an econ-omy with several important distortions, removing one (by financial deregulation) while leaving the others in place, was worse than doing nothing. Mrs Thatcher never accepted that these fiscal privileges stoked the speculative fever

The dispute between Nigel Lawson and Mrs Thatcher over exchange-rate policy ensured that restrictive action was not taken early enough. The mistake was not just the reduction in interest rates after the October 1987 stock-market crash (which Mr Major acknowledged as an error in the Commons on Tuesday), since Labour too urged this course. It was compounded by the tax-cutting budget of 1988. The depth, and length, of the

recession reflects these past errors and excesses, and the world recession has only been a recent hindrance. It has taken time for the build-up of debt of the late

criticism out of all proportion to the small actual rise in taxes. He is paying the price for not taking America's domestic difficulties seriously enough.

By temperament, both Mr Major and Mr Bush are managers, short on rhetoric and vision. They are right to handle the transition from a heroic age of upheaval, which had already lost its radical momentum well before they took over. It has been their ill fortune to clear up

messes for which they were only partly to blame. The public may vote against these leaders because of the results of earlier mistakes, but there is no sign that the electorates favour a very different approach. In America, voters are critical of Mr Bush because he raised taxes and presided over the recession, not because they want a return to the Great Society. Democrats have rejected the protectionist Tom Harkin and backed the pro-business Paul Tsongas. In Britain, there is no apparent desire for a sharp

change of direction.

After lamenting the legacies they were left, Mr Bush and Mr Major may console themselves that few voters believe a Democratic president or a Labour government would do better.

History lesson for Mr Keating

ut yourself in the shoes of the Australian prime minister, Paul Keating. The Australian dollar has slumped, unemployment is stuck at an obstinate 10 per cent and the national team has been beaten twice at home in the cricket world cup, by New Zealand, a despised cultural kid brother, and South Africa, once a pariah nation. There can only be one possible escape from this

mess: bash the Poms. By criticising his typically reception of the Queen the Liberal opposition gave Mr Keating the perfect ex-cuse to beat the nationalist drum. Yesterday, Mr Keating accused the Liberals of a "cultural cringe" towards a country which allegedly be-trayed Australia in 1942,

and is supposed to have bartered kith and kin 30 years later for a mess of Common Agricultural pottage. But British and Australian interests, so geographically disparate, were bound to diverge. Both parties to this storm in a historical teacup have right and wrong on their side.

Between the wars, British strategy for imperial defence meant that Singapore, the Middle East and India occupied more of Whitehall's attention than continental Europe. It was not purely from Little Englander contempt that Neville Chamberlain spoke of Czechoslovakia as "a far away country of which we know little". Many imperial statesmen shared his vision.

By the 1930s, Mussolini's African ambitions appeared to threaten the Suez Canal, the imperial life-line to India, so the Mediterranean also became a critical strategic theatre. Britain then faced a textbook example of imperial over-stretch. The Em-pire lacked the military and



on three fronts against Ger-many, Italy and Japan, but found it politically impossible to abandon any one of these commitments. British foreign policy fell between three stools. With the benefit of hindsight, it is clear that Britain almost lost the second world war from the very beginning by failing to under-take, in Sir Michael Howard's phrase, "a continental commitment". The Empire, and Australia in particular, perhaps

mattered too much. But from an Australian nationalist perspective, the British record looks black. At the Washington Conference in 1922, Britain abandoned the Anglo-Japanese alliance which had guaranteed security in the Pacif-ic. Australia advised against this, but Australia's interests were ignored when the United States put enormous pressure on Britain to sign. Isolationist America promptly left both Britain and Australia in the lurch.

Hopes of an adequate Pacific Churchill, the arch-imperialist. defence against an unfriendly Japan were thereafter pinned on promised to help. But Curtin the "impregnable" British base at Singapore. Australia also expected a British fleet to come to the rescue in wartime to keep the Japanese as far away to the north as possible. Following the Japanese attack

on Pearl Harbor, Churchill and Roosevelt adopted a strategy of Beat Hitler First. Australia was furious that its interests had again been subordinated to an Anglo-American grand strategy. Worse was to come. The Australian government's representative in Singapore reported gloomily: "As things stand at present the fall of Singapore is to my mind only a matter of weeks ... without immediate air

reinforcements." By October 1941, Australia had a tough new Labor prime minister. John Curtin, who

Australia can go . . and Britain can still hold on." Churchill, with his back to the was more than sympathetic and wall in Europe, was cross, his was still not happy that the British lion's attention was fo-

cused on the weifare of her cub. Curtin's riposte was to write a fateful article in the Melbourne Herald on December 27, 1941. calculated to raise imperial hackles. It did however, realistically set out Australia's place in the world for decades to come. The Australian government regards the Facific struggle as primarily one in which the United States and Australia must have the fullest say in the direction of the democracies' fighting plan," he said. "Without any inhibitions of any kind, I make it quite clear that Australia looks to America, free of any pangs as to our traditional links or kinship with the United King-dom. We know the problems that the United Kingdom

imperial pride was piqued. He cabled to Attlee from Washington: "I hope there will be no pandering to this, while at the same time we do all in our are the growing pangs of a human power to come to their young country still groping for aid." He kept his word, but it was too little too late. By December 2, the battleship Prince of Wales and the battle-cruiser Repulse had arrived in Singapore, unfortunately, without cover from an aircraft carrier. The ships were ignominiously sunk. The guns of Singapore faced the wrong way and the British campaign in Malaya ended in calamity on February 15, 1942 when the Japanese marched into the city. But it is going much too far to describe Churchill's most humiliating defeat of the war as tantamount to

an act of betrayal. Since 1945, material links become tenuous. Mass immigration from the Mediterranean and Asia has partly diluted Australia's Anglo-Celtic majority — Melbourne, for instance, is

now the second largest Greek-speaking city in though ties of iast. Britain then, belatedly, chose Europe over the Com-monwealth. Our abandonment of Australia and her trading interests in 1972 was culpably abrupt, and we richly deserve discredit

Australians and Britons

still partly share a language and enjoy a mutually abusive friendship. We compete with bat and ball. Nowadays they lose. Paul Keating's brand of whingeing was unworthy of this traditionally amicable quarrel. Australia has a self-pitying cultural streak. Films such as Breaker Morant and Gallipoli, otherwise so entertaining, do tend to labour the theme of wicked upper-class Britons betraying simple but good-hearted Australians. Novels, such as Peter Carey's brilliant Illywhacker, treat the Australian-British relationship with the benefit of too much retrospective wisdom. But these its national identity.

Sadly, Britain and Australia may in time lose their last link, the monarchy, as Australia's Pacific location attracts new alliances - perhaps even without Washington's participation. But London should continue to play Australian flights of rhetoric with a straight bat. Canberra, in turn, should be careful not to outrage the war record of its own brave troops who fought for Empire and Australia in the Mediterranean and Burma as well as the Pacific. Their cause was noble, although our interests ultimately differed. Tread softly on our imperial dreams.

...and moreover

clement Wednesday night, crocuses confident enough to stay open for a bit of moonlight, an insomniac chaffinch banging on about something or other, so, trapped in a transmissional void between the end of Sportsnight at midnight and England's first ball against the West Indies at 3.25 am, I decided to go for a stroll.

Little on my mind, except irritation that this was the last night of Radio 3 MW. The rest of the World Cup cricket will be transmitted on Radio 5, wherever that is: Radio 3 insists on constantly informing me that Radio 5 is to be found on 909 kiloHertz, a fat lot of use, I know nothing of kiloHertz, I have just had to look it up to see if it really does have a capital letter in the middle, bloody silly word, and one unknown in China, if my Saishu radio is anything to

go by.

Which it is. Anyone shopping for a transistor set would be well advised to go by the Saishu, it is not Japanese, as I thought it was in the shop, it is not even Taiwanese, it was made on the mainland, possibly during some cultural revolution or other when the kiloHertz was deemed to be revanchist. The numbers on its dial bear no relation to any transmitter anywhere in the world. That is the trouble with thinking you know a bargain when you see one: the other announcement that Radio 3 keeps making is for those having trouble finding Radio 5, whom they advise to phone their

special Engineering Helpline on 0345 010 313, so I did, and I described the dial, and the helper said, "That's impossible, which set is it?" and I told him it was a Chinese Saishu, and he said, "Chinese, Chinese, what on earth did you buy that for?", and I said "£I1.95", and he said "There you are, then." But this column is not about cricket, it is about being doom'd

for a certain term to walk the night, and in consequence fetching up against another such, just the other side of the Cricklewood-Hampstead frontier. He was sitting on a garden

wall, smoking a cigarette, and because he looked respectable enough, my age, dark suit, quiet tie, no mask or jemmy, not waggling his head about and cacking to himself, I said, as I drew alongside, "Waiting for the cricket to come on then?" the cricket to come on, then?" He looked at me, appeared, briefly, to be calculating whether I might be after his

wallet, or even perhaps his body, then said. "I've been sent outside to smoke. Can'you believe it? Can you bloody believe it?" "Don't tell me," I said, "I've been there myself, your wife is trying to give up, am I right?"
"My wife?" he said. "My

wife's over there, by the garage. I peered. I had not spotted her in its shadow. Even now, I saw only a tiny orange blip.

"They chucked her out, too,"
he said. "I mean, bloody incredible. We've known these people ten years."
"We've been on holiday with

them," said the tiny orange blip them," said the tiny orange blip.
"I wouldn't care," said the
man, "but we've been bloody
good. They asked us for halfeight, and when I took a fag out
they said, would you mind,
nobody else here smokes, so it's
been four hours, I mean we're
guests, for God's sake, and when
this really ghastly bloody couple
left ten minutes ago, the ones
who were going on about smoking all the time, the ones who ing all the time, the ones who were boring my arse off— excuse me, I should have said, I'm afraid I don't like people boring it's bad for my arse, if you want to bore arses off would you mind doing it out-side — when they left, we thought it's be all right to light up, but our charming hostess said, look, I hate to go on about

"I wouldn't care," he said, again, "but when they weren't droning on about passive cancer or whatever it is, they were doing all that stuff about the Third World and rainforests and minorities and how we must all love one another etcetera, well you live round here, you know what they're like, and I thought, I'm a bloody minority: I'm a smoker, I'm a threatened spe-

He threw his dog-end into an

cies, what about a bit of caring coming my way?"
"They'd have let us smoke if we were Kurds," said the tiny

all kinds of people.

orange blip.
And I laughed, and walked on, thinking: that's what I like about a cricket match. You meet

Mills and Gloom

SIR FRANCIS DASHWOOD, a Lloyd's name for more than 35 years, has found an unlikely way to vent his frustration at events in the insurance world. He has written a "romantic novel" — some would say a pornographic one — about the institution's greatest crisis in 300 years, entitled The Great Lloyd's Robbery.

The 11th baronet, who in his time has introduced to Lloyd's some prized clients, says: "When it was suggested that I write a book. I thought it was a damned silly idea. What I initially wrote was pretty boring, but my wife told me to put some romance in it. I did and then she told me I'd be better off as a pornographic writer."

Dashwood, who has yet to find a publisher, says: "I'm not too sure how the establishment will take to the book." He himself is certainly feeling the pinch. Apart from his own losses, he has gallantly come to the aid of other names, including Lady Dashwood. "He is helping to cover my losses," she says.

Dashwood, however, is no stranger to financial difficulties. In 1968 when things "were not looking too hot" - by which he means he was down to his last £110,000 - he turned to his old shooting partner Lord Carrington for advice. Carrington told him to try his luck in Australia.

"I bought a farm just outside Sydney, which I sold ten years later. It made a handsome profit because it is now a suburb," Dashwood says. With this return he set up his own underwriting business and introduced Princess Michael of Kent, among others, to Lloyd's. Dashwood assured her that it was as safe an investment as she could make, and City rumour has it that' the honourable baronet has



agreed to make good her losses. Lady Dashwood is not so sure. "I can't believe he is doing that, because he is already grumbling about helping me," she says. Sir Francis admits he remains a close friend and shoots with Prince Michael regularly. "We have some good laughs," he says — despite the troubled times.

• Paul Keating's dubious accusation that Britain deserted Australia during the war may be prompted less by injured pride than by historical ignorance. According to the current headmaster of his alma mater. De La Salle College in New South Wales, Keating was not a noted history scholar before leaving the school at the age of 14: "He may have studied a little history," says Brother Adrian Watson. "It's hard to tell."

Scored out

MALCOLM WILLIAMSON, who objected so loftly to Andrew Lloyd Webber's involvement in the musical celebrations for the Queen's 40th anniversary, has a failed musical in his own closet He does not boast about the sub-Lloyd-Webber work, and has omitted it from the hundred-plus compositions he lists in his Who's Who the jewel in Mrs Thatcher's local entry. However, the Master of authority crown. the Queen's Music emoyed his

first public performance in 1959, when his score accompanied such lines as: "The Queen is waking up. / The choir is chanting loyal hymns. / She's stretching out r royal limbs. / The Queen is waking up."
The musical, No Bed For Bacon,

with libretto by Ned Sherrin and

Caryl Brahms, was a disaster. "We wanted to use an unknown composer, and the music publishers Boosey & Hawkes recommended Williamson," says Sherrin, who does list it in his Who's Who entry. but admits it was hardly his finest hour. "He is a very bizarre man. with whom I hope never to socialise or work again. In the pub after the opening night he poured a pint of beer over Caryl's head. I just feel sorry for the poor Queen. I hope he doesn't treat her the same way."

Brahms

Magic Wandsworth

MOSCOW's city council leaders arrived in London yesterday to learn how to run a local government. To Labour's annoyance, their first port of call was Wands-, worth, the borough with zero poll tax which is often described as:

The Muscovites want to learn

about competitive tendering and selling council houses, and could not have started in a better place. Sir Paul Beresford, Tory leader in Wandsworth, says: "They told us they have no private sector. We told them that ten years ago local government here was also entirely

dependent on the public sector."

And will the Russians also be visiting Wandsworth's neighbouring borough of Lambeth? "I don't think so. They know the situation in Lambeth with the limit of the section of the sectio in Lambeth just by looking over their shoulders back home.

• it's eauver. Perrier's H2Eau adverts are to be shelved, apparently far too sophisticated for a British audience. Whether it is the chemical formula or the French word which is causing the problem is unclear. "We just want to appeal to younger people." says the firm's ad agency. Eau dear.

Library lobby

A SHELF-LOAD of writers yesterday forsook their expensive garrets and assembled, blinking in the sunshine outside the House of Commons to lobby arts minister Tim Renton over the underfunding of public libraries.

They were all there. Michael Holroyd, Nina Bawden, Margaret Drabble, David Lodge, and their friends and agents. Especially their agents. Holroyd explained that his mother was an avid if eccentric library user. "She thought all books in public libraries were unhygienic, so before she read them, she would grill them in the oven to get rid of germs. You could tell those books because they were

singed at the edges." Ken Follett, too, said he owed his career as Labour's most passionate literary supporter to humble public libraries. "I always used them," he said — "until I could afford researchers."

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ISRAEL'S APARTHEID

Totaline in data The Palestinians have rejected Israel's proposals for Palestinian self-rule in the occucaries may see a pied territories as an "insult to anybody's intelligence". They have been restrained from walking out of the fourth round of the Middle East peace talks only by strong American pressure. Hanan Ashrawi and her fellow negotiators complain that not only has Israel retreated from the "barest minimum" autonomy promised to the Palestinians under the Camp David accords, the 25 areas in which Yitzhak Shamir's government proposes interim self-government over the next five years barely extend the limited rights under military occupation.

She is right. The word autonomy simply cannot be ascribed to Israel's "discussion document'. It so curtails the interim authority as to imply creeping annexation. It leaves sovereignty over land and water resources to Israel, as well as responsibility for defence, military security and foreign affairs. The Palestinians would have no authority over the settlements in their midst, which could continue unabated. The result would leave the Palestinians with a patchwork of rural "Bantustans" round the cities, where "natives" had quite different rights and freedoms from Jews. Comparisons with South African apartheid are perfectly valid.

The Israelis say that since the gap between the two sides is so wide, it cannot be bridged in one step, but only by building mutual must through interim agreements. The proposals are thus meant to be vague, leaving room for negotiation. The long-term future of the territories should remain open, and not be dictated by the United Nations, the Americans or any outsiders. What matters is a framework for coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians.

The Israelis would have to say that - while they are in the driving seat. Some Palestinians too are being unrealistic. They cannot hope to win an independent state when that state would be essentially unviable. Nevertheless moderate Palestinian leaders would accept Israeli garrisons and some linkage of their economy to Israel's. They might even agree that not all new settlers must be evicted. But the call for an immediate halt to new settlements is just. Illegal in the eyes of the outside world, these now number 185. housing 229,000 Israeli Jews or nearly 6 per cent of Israel's population. If expanded at the planned rate 500,000 settlers would migrate to the territories by 1995.

Such an influx must question Israel's negotiating bona fides. Mr Baker sensibly concluded that there would be more will for compromise if, after five years of Palestinian autonomy, both sides found they could live together. The Israelis have permanently ruled out an independent Palestinian state. Mr Baker would only speculate on something "more than autonomy and less than statehood."

The Shamir government appears unwilling to contemplate anything beyond interim self-rule except more of the same. Even that is 100 much for the far right. Mr Shamir is now stalling on the details. Sooner or later the right must see that its three goals democracy, a "Jewish" state and a permanent claim to "Eretz Israel" in its biblical boundaries - are ultimately incompatible. Democracy cannot function under occupation. A Jewish state cannot be maintained with the present birthrate of the Palestinian population, which will reach parity with Jews by 2015. Even with current high immigration, for every 100,000 Soviet Jews who arrive, the projected year of parity will recede by only a year.

Since 1967 Israel has received \$77 billion from America, approximately \$16,500 for every Israeli man, woman and child. Not only are \$10 billion in loan guarantees now at risk, but Mr Shamir must know that the past level of US financial support is unlikely to continue. His government should look ahead. Does it really want nothing but Bantustans and strife on the West Bank? This year. Israel has an opportunity to secure what it most wants from its neighbours, an assurance of peace. If Mr Shamir cannot face this, then Yitzhak Rabin, the Labour leader, should have the chance to seize it.

NO PLACE FOR SUBSIDY

On few subjects is the gulf between the parties wider than on secondary education. On few subjects in education is the gulf wider than on "assisted places", a £67 million government scholarship scheme to help 30,000 pupils go to private schools. On few subjects is the argument more opaque.

Latest research appears to show that only some 40 per cent of these places, or 12,000, go to the less well-off. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, takes pride in even this many poorer children receiving the better education which the subsidy scheme ascribes to the private sector. His Labour shadow, Jack Straw, replies that the other 60 per cent are just middle-class pupils receiving a private school education at public expense. Such pre-election figure swapping is just the old bar-room joke about a beer glass being half full or half empty.

The merits or otherwise of the assisted places scheme do not depend on its take-up by the poor. By making it a "class" issue Mr Straw weakens his case. If the assisted places scheme is a misuse of the government education budget in principle, it is a misuse even if every one of the pupils comes from the ranks of the grindingly poor for whom (implies Mr Clarke) the scheme exists.

To be sure, there are bound to be parents who aspire to private education for their offspring, from a mixture of motives, but without the means to pay for it. This is the group, mostly Tory-inclined, to whom the assisted places scheme was always meant to appeal. Mr Clarke's continued invocation of parental "choice" in defence of assisted places is nonsense: the choice is the school's, not the parent's. The scheme is today largely a matter of the Tory party "looking after our own".

Mr Straw's motives for wanting to see the end of the scheme are partly of the same kind, only the group identified as "our own" being different. The allocation of state money for education has never been anything less than political. But in principle Mr Straw is right and Mr Clarke is not.

Universal state education, as with health care, requires that everybody pays and everybody is entitled to benefit. Freedom of choice requires that the state should not have a monopoly, either of education or health care. Mr Straw would be wrong to legislate to outlaw private schools or private hospitals. As those "opting out" in effect pay twice, some tax benefit for private-sector services restores a rough equity. Labour should leave these arrangements alone.

But those who opt out and buy health or education in the private sector are on their own. They and the schools they patronise (whose falling rolls make them prime lobbyists for the scheme) have no right to any further call on state subsidy. Assisted places may have a superficial electoral appeal to Tories, though a dozen other vote-winning causes might be found for £67 million. But its major premise is extremely damaging: that public-sector education of clever children after 13 years of Tory rule is so poor that 30,000 must be helped to escape from it.

This gloomy premise is itself unproven. Audit Commission evidence suggests that the children who are assisted into the private sector do not receive a measurably greater "added value" from their schooling as a result. Most are selected as bright, and bright children fare well in most state schools. Yet by taking them away from state schools, the state diminishes those institutions. This is simply perverse.

The assisted places scheme is a misuse of public money to subsidise a private industry. That industry is worthy, vigorous and popular. If it wants to broaden its intake to embrace a handful of poorer children, so be it. But it should do so from its own pocket. Such policies should not be subsidised by the state.

SOMETHING BORROWED

"What do we as a nation care about books?" asked John Ruskin. "We call ourselves a rich nation, and we are filthy and foolish enough to thumb each other's books out of circulation libraries!" Supporters of the "filthy and foolish" lobbied Parliament yesterday in defence of public libraries. They claim that cuts to the service are threatening Britain's cultural future. Are they right? And if so, whose fault is it?

Tim Renton, the arts minister, was so incensed by the lobbyists that he refused to meet them. He accused them of playing politics. Spending on libraries, he said, has risen by 18 per cent in real terms over the past decade. That seems to put the lie to the theory that financially strapped, chargecapped councils are cutting library budgets in order to make ends meet.

Certainly there are now fewer libraries, open for shorter hours and lending fewer books than in the past. In 1974, 229 libraries were open for 60 hours a week or more; now the figure is 18. The number of books borrowed has fallen from 648 million in 1985 to 568 million now.

If more money is being spent on the service, why then has its quality fallen? Library lobbyists really should be asking this question of local authorities rather than central government. The Euromonitor Book Report shows that half of all expenditure on public libraries goes on staff and only 16 per cent on books. There must be a suspicion that the money is being drained off into administration of no direct public benefit. No doubt some councils have cut libraries, in the hope

that this will stir protest at charge capping. The idea of a public library as a "people's university", bringing edifying books at no charge into the homes of those who might not otherwise afford them, is noble. Many a self-educated person first developed a love for reading in the local library. Such people are manna from Heaven come lobbying time. But how committed to them is the bulk of a library's work? The answer nowadays is really very little.

Top of the list of authors borrowed each year are Catherine Cookson, Dick Francis and Agatha Christie. Romance, thrillers, crime and "sex 'n' shopping" novels glide far faster across the counter than anything else. Such a service is a straightforward undercutting of the private-sector book trade. These books are being offered free of charge for no better reason than historical precedent. If the state is to offer Mills & Boon free, why not a cinema ticket or day at the races? The borrowers are reading for entertainment, not edification. They could afford to spend an evening with a book simply by sacrificing an

evening at the pub. Most public libraries do excellent work, notably in general non-fiction, adult education, local history and reference. They also offer a valuable back-up to schools and local arts. But they are quintessentially local institutions. They have had plenty of money over the past decade, some but not all have spent well. Libraries that shut for several days a week are not serving their communities and it is those who shut them who should be the target of demonstrators. If they need to cut costs, they would do well to heed Ruskin again: "All books are divisible into two classes: the books of the hour, and the books

of all time." Let them lend only the latter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone 071-782 5000

Academic skills at the cutting edge From the Chairman of the Academic tracts specifying no fixed hours of Council, University of London work by conditions of service impos-

Sir, Your leading article of February 24 on the academic profession, "Cry from the ivory tower", might have carried greater conviction had it reflected a more accurate grasp of

Teaching at university level is much more than the mere transmission of knowledge. Only those at the cutting edge of their subject, in research terms, can be expected to bring to their teaching the critical skills necessary to guide them, and their students, through the mass of secondary material with which they are confronted. We have - in short come a long way since the days of Cardinal Newman.

You exhort academics to do "much of their research in the gaps in their daily routine", apparently unaware that heavier teaching loads mean that there are far fewer "gaps" in the daily routine than was the case, say. 20 years ago. In any case, research at university level, whether in the sciences or the humanities, is not something that can be seriously pursued in the odd hour between lectures; it requires sustained and if possible uninterrupted effort over a period of time, and it cannot be done

on the cheap.

The implication that over-reliance on money from central government threatens academic freedom is disingenuous. I raise research money from both public and private sources. But I realise this is merely replacing one form of dependency by another. At bottom, academic freedom means that he who pays the

piper does not call the tune.
You suggest that "the scholar who cannot find a patron" must "go". Why, if his or her scholarship, judged by peer review, is of high quality? In this university research of the highest calibre, measured by international standards, is carried out without any specific funding. To judge research and scholarship merely, or even primarily, by the funding it attracts is as perverse as basing such judg-ment upon citation analysis — the frequency with which the work of one scholar is cited by others.

Of course universities have a duty to the national interest, to serve national needs in both research and teaching. I doubt that this duty will be the better fulfilled by replacing current flexibilities inherent in coning (say) a fixed working day over a 48-week year. Equally, I doubt that this duty can be fulfilled without adequate levels of remuneration and the recognition that reform through underfunding must ultimately be

counter-productive. Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY ALDERMAN. Chairman, Academic Council, University of London, Senate House, Malet Street, WC1. February 24.

From Professor Bernard Harrison Sir. Your editorial on the universities is an admirable contribution to the promotional literature of central planning. It ably reflects the state of mind of a government besotted with the illusion of absolute control. In the profundity and scope of the objections it ignores, or answers with sophistry, it recalls the propaganda which accompanied Stalin's five-

year plans. I shall mention only three of the biggest difficulties facing the present schemes. The first is that no pro-fession can continue to function if the convictions about the broader, humane functions of its activities which have sustained it in the past are abruptly rendered void by the withdrawal of the conditions of work which made the pursuit of such goals

practicable. The second is that once morale in an institution has hit the deck it is not to stay there, and to prove very difficult indeed to revive by administrative decree. The third is that a British government has no means of closing its frontiers to departing

I shall keep your piece, if only to set it beside the journalistic hand-wringing to come, in ten or 15 years' time. when the universities have joined the schools, the public libraries, and much else, in the infirmary of moribund, semi-defunct institutions which served the country quite well until the politicians got at them.

Yours sincerely, BERNARD HARRISON, School of English and American Studies. Arts Building. University of Sussex at Brighton, Falmer, Brighton, East Sussex. February 24.

Sir, It seems unlikely that those

involved in the dispute between Dr

Adamson and Professor Kishlansky

will arrive at "the truth", as implied

meant an account of events so per-

suasive that it must universally be

Rather, the mutual accusations of

error reveal the extent to which

historians are interpreters of their evidence and to which there are no

agreed rules for making those inter-

Dr Adamson would probably be

justified in saying that certain events in the Civil War might have been as

he describes them; Professor Kish-

lansky would probably be justified in

saying that they need not have been

The argument is so virulent, and so

depressing to witness, precisely because the disputants appear to

believe that they can discern truths

with an objectivity that the sources, and the historical profession's rules

for their interpretation, do not make

Sir, Mr John Forrest's letter (Feb-

of pharmacies in which the necessary

care in dispensing is not exercised. This is certainly not borne out by

evidence available from the NHS

drug testing scheme or from reports

to family health service authorities or

to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society

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The number of dispensing errors

among the 450 million UK prescrip-

tions each year is extremely small.

This is because the need for great

care and accuracy is a predominant feature of the scientific education and training of pharmacists and in the profession's standards of prac-

tice. The law requires that every

prescription taken into a community

pharmacy will be dispensed by or

under the supervision of a registered

The public can be confident that

the Royal Pharmaceutical Society

will continue to ensure that the

requirements of the law and the high

standards of professional practice

will be met in all pharmacies.

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Sir, Concern about negligent dis-pensing was reflected, for instance,

in a judgment in the Court of Appeal,

Prendergast v Sam & Dee Ltd. A

pharmacist dispensed a diabetic drug to a non-diabetic, who suffered

1 Lambeth High Street, SE1.

From Mr Kenneth Mullan

brain damage as a result.

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pharmacist.

Yours faithfully.

President,

Great Britain,

DAVID COLÉMAN,

From Mr S. P. Salt

accepted as true.

Peterhouse dispute From Professor Patrick Collinson

Sir. I almost addressed this letter to the editor of The Jupiter, so of the Cambridge historical scene. Contrary to your report (February 21) we are not "at war" over the renewal of Dr John Adamson's fellowship at Peterhouse.

Speaking for the history faculty of which I am chairman, not for any particular college, I do not fear for the reputation of the university on account of its historians. Quite the reverse. What Peterhouse chooses to do about a renewable fellowship is a matter for Peterhouse.

The truth or otherwise of allegations of manipulating the evidence of 17th-century manuscripts will be determined not as your leading article in the same issue suggests, by the lobbying skills of rival historical factions but by the normal expedient of consulting the documents them-selves. I understand that to be the whole point of the controversy.

Yours sincerely, PATRICK COLLINSON. Faculty of History, University of Cambridge, West Road, Cambridge.

PETER SALT. Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

Yours faithfully,

possible.

Prescription errors Women deacons From the President of the From the Reverend Paul Harvie Royal Pharmaceutical Society Sir. Catherine Milford (letter, Febof Great Britain

ruary 24) states that women are being called by God to the priest-hood. Surely this is what the argument is all about? If it were certain that women were being so called, who could speak against it? If it is not, what bishop could dare go ahead with such an ordination?

Isaiah, whom she quotes ("Whom shall I send and who will go for us?"), was not being called to priesthood but to prophecy. Many wonderful women have answered this call and still do; they do not need to be

Yours sincerely, P. J. HARVIE, 7 Paradise Road, Dundee, Tayside. February 24.

Image of Arnhem

From Mrs Daphne Bowers

Sir, After Kate ter Horst (obituary, February 25) returned home at the end of the war she placed in her garden in Oosterbeek a statue of a fallen Pegasus — the Airborne symbol but up-side-down.

After a time, when it seemed to her that much good had come out of the battle of Arnhem as well as disaster. Kate felt that the symbol was not right and did not tell the whole story. She had a pool made beneath the statue, so that looking into the waters the Pegasus became a risen Pegasus again and a sign of hope.

Yours sincerely, DAPHNE BÓWERS. Brow House, Blackbeck, Egremont, Cumbria. February 25.

ing class and live on housing estates.

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but we're dying. Under the Inner London Edu-

cation Authority we were allowed free use of school premises, free access to camping gear and substan-

Scout groups at work in inner cities

From District Commissioner C. M. Cochand

Sir. As a member of the criminal Bar I have spent the past 14 years both prosecuting and defending juveniles. As a Scout leader since 1974 I am responsible for over 600 young people, with 50 volunteer leaders, in a reasonably prosperous inner-city borough. Over 80 per cent of the teenagers in my 20-odd Scout groups would be described as work-

The home secretary has talked about plans for disaffected youths on estates (report, February 27). He mentioned on the radio a programme of camping in Wales and said the Home Office funded a youth worker in Hammersmith to combat the drug problem. The Prince of Wales talks of teaching citizenship in

like most bureaucracies, the Scout Association gobbles resources, some E4 million to E6 million annually. At the bottom we never see it. My local council, sympathetic to the Scouts. spends £3 million a year on the voluntary sector. We got grant aid for a resuscitation dummy training aid and £300 for a training camp, total £345. We own no premises and pay no salaries, our overheads annually are about £3,000, mostly for camps, hire of halls for swimming galas, etc.,

nai financial support for items such as mini-buses. All are now gone.

Two of our groups remaining in North Kensington are on notice to leave or pay rents of up to £25 per hour. It is impossible for us to raise such money: the parents don't have

it, or the interest or the will. Inner

cities are not like the prosperous suburbs, where communities exist.

I have tried for three years to find support for taking scouting to the hidden Moroecan community, the second largest immigrant group in the borough. Give me inner-cities premises, derelict as you like, access to transport and rent-free accommodation (remember all those empty council flats) for young leaders who cannot afford to live close enough and I promise you the most costeffective juvenile programme in the world. Every penny would help tomorrow's committed citizens.

Yours iruly, CHAS. M. COCHAND, District Commissioner. Kensington and Chelsea District Scout Council, 60 Wandle Road, SW17. February 27.

From Mrs Anabel Loyd

Sir. The home secretary could learn from projects for street children in certain developing countries — e.g., the Sudan and India, where the Street Kids International has initiated successful projects - when trying to tackle youth crime at home. Institutionalisation by whatever name will only create further problems. Make these kids feel useful in their communities and they will learn responsibility and gain self respect.

By all means a "task force" but a task force of youth for youth. That is the way for a new generation and a new century, not ideas borrowed from the Victorians.

Yours sincerely, ANABEL LOYD, 17 Larkhall Rise, SW4.

Cup not running over From Mr Anthony J. Levy

Sir, Our friends across the Channel are having a rough time, and not only in the sporting realm: I have just attended a wine tasting billed as "The Great Reds". It was a blind tasting and ten fortunate souls had the opportunity to savour the follow-

1978 Cabernet Sauvignon Robert Mondavi, Napa Valley, California. 1972 Vega-Sicilia. Valbuena de Duero, Spain.

1978 Garrafeira Jose-Maria de Fonseca, Estremadura, Portugal. 1982 Romanèe-Conti. Burgundy.

France. 1978 Châteauneuf du Pape Mont Redon, Rhöne, France, 1982 Sassicaia, Tuscany, Italy. 1983 Brunello di Montalcino

1976 Penfolds' Grange Hermitage. Barossa Valley, Australia. 1986 Capital San Rocco, Piedmonte, Italy (host's wild card). 1979 Château Petrus, Bordeaux, France.

Your correspondents may have variations but I imagine that most would agree that it was a formidable list. The tasters were asked to place the wines in order of preference.

The uniformity of this placing was astonishing. Nine out of ten placed Mondavi first and Petrus last! In fact the order was as listed above. The latter was certainly not corked; it was best described as "empty" compared

Oh dear! The rugby, the soccer, the Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY J. LEVY. The Old George & Dragon, Charlton-on-Otmoor, Oxfordshire. February 20.

Global warming

From the Chairman of the Friends of the Earth Trust

Biondi-Santi, Tuscany, Italy.

Sir. You report today that attempts in a cabinet committee to bring forward the date for the stabilisation of carbon dioxide at 1990 levels in this country from 2005 to 2000 were frustrated by Mr Wakeham, the energy secretary, on the ground that it could undermine attempts to privatise British Coal.

Could there be a clearer instance of party politics overriding planetary

Yours faithfully. THUGH MONTEFIORE, Friends of the Earth Trust. White Lodge, 23 Bellevue Road, SW17.

February 27.

Despite the finding that the writ-

ing on the prescription was unclear and capable of different interpretations, the court apportioned 75 per cent of the liability to the pharmacist. Liability need not stop when the prescription leaves the hands of the ruary 24) suggests, from his recent experience, that there is a proportion doctor, even when the doctor has been grossly negligent.

It seems likely that there are other cases, such as the one you printed on November 26, 1991 ("Tablets blunder man wins £300,000") in which settlements are reached but they may not be reported. Yours faithfully,

KENNETH MULLAN. University of Ulster at Jordanstown, Department of Public Administration and Legal Studies, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim. February 25.

From Dr Ben Ross

Sir, John O. Forrest may understand better how it is possible for incorrect prescriptions to be dispensed when he realises that, while general practitioners must retire at 70 from the health service, pharmacists can contique into extreme old age.

Surely the same compulsory retirement age should apply to both professions, when the safety of the public may be at stake. Yours sincerely. BEN ROSS.

38 Wykeham Way, Burgess Hill, West Sussex. February 25.

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Patient care

From Dr M. J. Healy

Sir. As a "first-wave" GP fundholder. must take issue with Dr Michael Joy's conclusion (letter, February 22) that fundholding is in any way responsible for the difficulties he is having in treating the medical emergencies that need to come in to hospital under his care.
The funds that have been allocated

to GP fundholders are not for acute emergencies, medical or surgical. They are for specific "cold" conditions such as cataracts, prostates, hip replacements, hernias, etc. The allocation of the funds to GP fundholders should not in any way affect the resources available for acute emergencies in any hospital as they were never part of that calculation.

Hospital managers may wish to tell the consultants that they were, but if they do, they are wrong. Yours faithfully.

MAURICE HEALY. 5 Eversley Crescent, Winchmore Hill, N21. February 22.

Always behind

From Mr George Lansdowne Sir, Mr Smeeton (letter, February 26) asks why the back-pocket button is the first to come off his trousers. Is it because he slouches against the back of the seat instead of sitting up straight?

Yours faithfully. G. A. LANSDOWNE, 24 Turners Mill Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

From Mr R. A. C. Le Cheminant

Sir, Has Mr Smeeton considered the strain on the average back-pocket trouser button when working at a desk? It must be considerably more than the pressure from an overfed stomach on the jacket or trouserwaist buttons.

Yours faithfully, R. A. C. LE CHEMINANT. l Leopold Avenue, Wimbledon, SW19.

From Dr P. Glaister

Sir, I frequently lose the button from my trouser back pocket whenever I sit down on a wooden chair with horizontal slats. The button shoots off with immense speed, never to be seen again. The obvious solution is to remove the jacket after sitting down, but I always seem to forget.

Yours faithfully. P. GLAISTER, The University of Reading, Department of Mathematics, Whiteknights, PO Box 220. Reading, Berkshire.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 27: The Duke of York this evening attended the St Vincent Spring Term Divisional Dinner at the Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth. Captain Neil Blair, RN, was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 27: The Princess Royal visited Essex today and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Essex (Admiral Sir

Andrew Lewis). Her Royal Highness opened Blackwater Leisure Centre at Maldon and Kingsdown Adventure Playground for Handi-capped Children at Eastwood. The Princess Royal opened Castle Point Borough Council Offices at Benfleet and Queen

Park Court at Billericay.
Her Royal Highness visited the
Rural Housing Project at Feering
and opened the Mother and Baby
Units, College House, Braintree. Finally, the Princess Royal opened the Arts Centre at New-

port Free Grammar School. The Princess Royal this evening addressed the National Westminster Bank's Discretionary Powers Club, NatWest Hall, and later attended a Dinner at the NatWest Tower, 25 Old Broad Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in

CLARENCE HOUSE February 27: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Com-mandant-in-Chief, Women's Royal Army Corps, this evening gave a Reception for members of the Corps.

KENSINGTON PALACE Pebruary 27: The Princess of Wales, patron, the Foundation for Conductive Education, attended the "Stepping Stones" Business Luncheon at the Carlton Tower Hotel, Cadogan Place, London

Wing Commander David Barton, RAF, was in attendance. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE February 27: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Fellow of the Institu-tion of Electrical Engineers, this evening amended the Annual Dinner at the Grosvenor House. Park Lane, London, W1.

Commander Roger Walker was in attendance. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE THATCHED HOUSE LODGE February 27: Princess Alexandra this evening attended a Service of Thanksgiving for St Botolph's Crypt Centre in the Church of St Botolph without Aldgate, and subsequently, a Reception at Sir John Cass's School, Dukes Place, London, EC² London, EC3. The Lady Nicholas Gordon

Luncheons

Newspaper Society
The Prime Minister was the guest
of honour at a luncheon given by the Newspaper Society on Wednesday at Bloomsbury House Mr John Aldridge, president, was in the chair.

Carlton Chib Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Home Department. was the guest of honour and was the guest of indust at speaker at a function of the Political Committee of the Cariton Club held yesterday at the club. Sir William van club. Sir William van Straubenzee, committee chair-man, presided and Mr Anthony Marsh also spoke.

British Association of Industrial

Mr Johnny Morris presented the British Association of Industrial Editors "Communicator of the Year" Award for 1991 to Mr Robert Horton and the associ-ation's special award to Miss Jill Morrell at a luncheon held yes-terday at Stationers' Hall. Mr Barry Isted, president of the association, presided. Mr Robert Gooding, national chairman, and Miss Fran Broady also spoke.

Prince Mohsim Ali Khan Prince Mohsim Ali Khan, Chairman, English Speaking Union, Asian Council, was host at a luncheon yesterday at Dartmouth House for the birthday of Mrs Lia Belli and to wish bon voyage to Miss Margaret Kelly. Other guests included Margot Countess of Buckinghamshire, Jacqueline Lady Killearn and Mrs Tom

Mr Robin Corbett, MP, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by BTEC, Business and Technology Education Council, yesterday at Central House, Up-per Woburn Place. Mrs Mary Powell, director of corporate development, presided.

National Sporting Club Mr Bob Willis, Chairman of the National Sporting Club, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Cafe Royal, Mr Gerald Davies was the guest of honour and

Lennox was in attendance.

Park Tower Luncheon Club
Mr Derek Picot, General Manager of the Sheraton Park Tower
Hotel, and Miss Georgina Sullivan, Public Relations Manager, van, Public Relations Manager, were the hosts at a monthly luncheon of the Park Tower Luncheon Club held on Thursday, February 27, 1992, in Restaurant 101 Knightsbridge. The guests were Diana Moran, Simon Ward, Nina Myskow, Charlie Brooks, Eve Pollard and Graham Lovett.

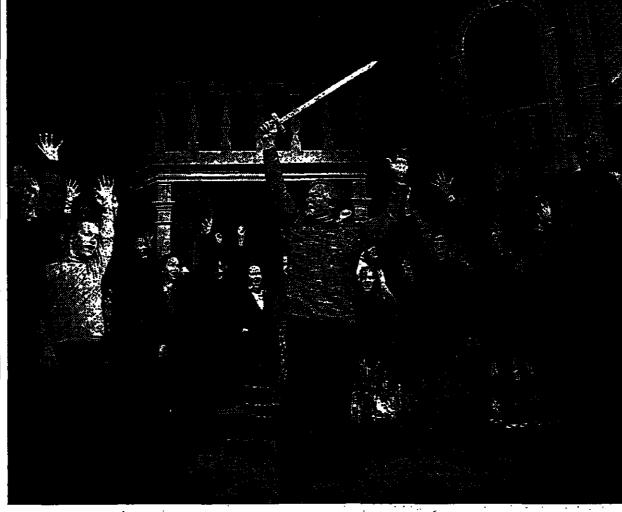
Receptions

Prime Minister The Prime Minister was host yesterday evening at a reception at 10 Downing Street to launch the National Council for Hospice and Specialist Palliative Care

The Polish Ambassador and Mme de Virion held a reception yesterday at the Polish Embassy for members of the Institute for Polish Jewish Studies. Sir Sigmund Sternberg presided. Professor Antony Polonsky and Mr Ben Helfgott also spoke.

RAF Regiment

General Sir Peter de la Billière named an InterCity Class 91 electric locomotive Royal Air Force Regiment at a ceremony held yesterday at King's Cross railway station. Mr C. Green, Managing Director of InterCity, and Air Vice-Marshal D. Hawking Communit kins, Commandant General of the RAF Regiment, were the



Sam Wanamaker, the director, leads pupils from Benenden school, Kent, through some theatrical rabble-rousing at the Shakespeare Globe Museum in Southwark, south London. The school aims to raise £200 towards the appeal for funds to recreate Shakespeare's original Globe theatre

Institution of Electrical

Engineers
The Duke of Kent, Honorary

Fellow of the Institution of Elec-trical Engineers, attended the annual dinner held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Brian

Manley, president, was in the chair and Lord Prior and Profes-

sor Heinz Wolff were the prin-cipal speakers. The Lord Mayor

of Westminster was present.

Among others present were: The Ambassador of Pakistan, the High Commissioner for Fit Lanks, the High Commissioner for India, Baroness Flatt of Writtle, Mr Edward Leigh, MP, and Mr Patrick Brown.

The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner in Speaker's House

yesterday evening in honour of a Parliamentary Delegation from the Yemen led by Dr Mahmoud

Madhi, MP. The Ambassador of

present. Other guests included:

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Mr Harold Walker, MP, and Mrs Walker, Victorount Buckmasser, Dr Michael Clark, MP, and Mrs Clark, Mr Roburt Hicks, MP, the Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, MP, Mr Jim Lesser, MP, and Mrs Lewer, MP, and Mrs Lewer, Mr Stear Randall, MP, and Mrs Townend, Canon and Mrs Douglad Gray, Miss Antanda Hay, Mr. and Mrs Douglad Gray, Miss Antanda Hay, Mr. and Mrs Dord Ramsey, Mr and Mrs John Sweetman and Mr Peter Kleiser.

British Nigerian All-Party Par-liamentary Group Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth,

was the guest of honour at a British-Nigerian All-Party Par-liamentary Group dinner held

presided and the Hon Douglas

Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Af-

fairs, also spoke. Among others

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Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, Chief Commandant of the WRNS, will visit HMS Ark Royal at sea off Portsmouth at 10.00. Princes Alexandra will open the new Bernard Meade Wing at Kingston Hospital, Kingston-upon-Thames, at 11.30.

Wycombe Abbey School

Wycombe Abbey School has awarded the following scholar-ships tenable from September

University news

Stirling The university is to award honorary doctorates to the following any docurants to the following tumorrow: Dr Kenneth Calman, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health; Sir John Houghton, Chief Executive, Meteorological Office; Mr Les Murray, poet.

Dinners

son, MP, Mr Peter Bousenley, MP, Mr Bruca George, MP, Mr Rubert Hughes, MP, Mr Peter Goodwin, Mr and Mrs M McWilliam, Mr and Mrs And Mrs Man Shelley, Mr and Mrs Man Shelley, Mr and Mrs Man Shelley, Mr and Mrs Mr A Alizal, Mr B Anugwon, Mr Christopher Barn, Dr and Mrs Graham Parnise, Mr and Mrs J Green, Mr and Mrs D Hampshire, Mr and Mrs Mr and Mrs P Large, Mr and Mrs Mr Mrs Mr and Mrs P Large, Mr and Mrs Mr Mrs Mr and Mrs P Large, Mr and Mrs Mr Mrs Mr and Mrs Devid Tonkin, Mr and Mrs Mr Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Mr and Mrs G Wilson and Mr M Walter, Mr and Mrs G Wilson and Mr M Walter, Mr and Mrs G Wilson and Mr M Walter, Mr and Mrs M walter.

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rineers' Gold Medal Address took ace, last night, at its premises in Upper Belgrave Street. The addresses were given by Professor Edmund Happold, RDI, FEng, and Professor Olgierd Zenkiewicz, CBE, FRS, FEng, In addition to the American Street, and Street, addition to the conferring of other awards, Sir Andrew Derbyshire, FRIBA, FCSD, received a certificate of Honorary Fellowship at the dinner which was, sub-sequently, held at the Institute of Directors. The President, Profes-sor Anthony Cusens, OBE, FEng.

Needlemakers Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Needlemakers Company held last night at Guildhall. The Mas-ter, Mr Alan Foster, presided. The Lord Mayor, Sir Anthony Wilson and Mr Michael Hughes also

mons. Mr Ivor Stanbrook, MP, spoke. United Oxford and Cambridge Appointment University Clab
The Earl of Gowrie was the

principal speaker at a dinner of the United Oxford and Cam-The High Commissioner for Migeria.

Sir Richard Luce, MP. Sir Francis
Remetly, Sir Peer and Lady Marshall.

Sir Trever Street, MP and Lady Skeet, Sir Michael Caine and Miss Emma Nichol
Matthews, chairman, presided. Mr Michael May, Master of the

Constructors Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall and pre-sented the company's Geoffrey Williams Travelling Scholarship Award for 1990 to Mr Matthew Young Mr Richard Rooley, Se nior Warden, and Mr Philip Girle also spoke. Masters and Cler livery companies were also

Service dinners

Major-General D.F.E. Botting, Director General of Ordnance Services, and Officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps held a guest night dinner last night at the Headquarters Officers' Mess. General Sir John Learmont, Lieutenam-General Sir Peter Beale and Major-General D L Burden were the principal guests.

Council of TA and VR

Colonel Viscount Ridley, Presi-Colonel Viscount Ridley, President of the Council of Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Associations, presided at a farewell dinner held last night at the Royal Hospital Chelses in honour of Colonel T.L. May, Colonel C.E. Phillipson, Colonel J.M. Leslie, Colonel P.M. Poole and Brigadler I.G. Stading General Sir John J.G. Starling. General Sir John Akehurst, chairman, and Colonel

Christopher Bellamy, QC, has been nominated by the govern-ment to be Judge of British Nationality on the Court of First-lustance of the European

Forthcoming marriages

MICHAEL POWELL

and Miss K. Lowe The engagement is announced between Jeremy, only son of Mr and Mrs Norman Brade, of Draycott, Somerset, and Karen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lowe, of Ballsbridge. Dublin.

Mr C.R.M. Cameron and Miss L.E.M. MacDonnell The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mrs M.G. Cameron and the late Dr J.A. Cameron, of Marystowe. Devon. and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.P.R. Mac-Donnell, of Goring-by-Sea,

Mr D.J. Dickins and Miss A.M. Constable Mr and Mrs G.E.P. Constable, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire,

have pleasure in announcing the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Anne, to David, son of Mr and Mrs J.C. Dickins, of Little Abineton Cambridgeshire.

Mr T.J. Duckiey and Miss K.A. Hamer The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr Peter J. Dunkley, of Upton Warren, Bromsgrove, and the late Mrs Stella J. Dunkley, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Dr John D. Hamer, of Edghaston. D. Hamer, of Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Mr D.L. Mclvis

and Miss A.M. Stephens The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.D.L. Melvin, of Eaglesham, Glasgow, and Alexandra, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Toby Stephens, of

Mr K.J. Mitchell

and Miss L. Preston
The engagement is announced between Kieran, younger son of the late Mr D.W. Mitchell and of Mrs M. Mitchell, of Downeud, Bristol, and Lynne, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.B. Preston, of

and Miss D.A. Bell

The engagement is announced between Rusiridh-Michael, only son of Mrs Mary Ross, and the late Mr W.M. Ross, and Deborah, only daughter of Brigadier General Randall W. Bell, MD, and Ms Carole G. Bell, of Philadelphia, USA.

Mr R.L. Samples and Miss D.J. Young The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the late Mr and Mrs Robert Lee Samples. of Brandon, Suffolk, and Debbie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Young, of Wingfield, Suffolk.

Fellowship in

Dental Surgery. The Board of Faculty of Dennal Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England has ap-proved that the following are entitled to the Diploma of Fellow in Dental Surgery:

JA Sherman, S J Morris, S G Wisson, JA Clarke, H J Nevard, D Y D Samara-wickzama, B R Stinner, S D Adcock, C Me Hogg, S H A Nest, V J Hadden, T W Lloyd, I M S Wisson, E J Faithrother, J D Kindeian, C Mason, D O Morris, F D Stenhouse, I R Rarris, S D Harrison, I Jones, S M Martin, A J Merry, M E Santh, A M Swed, A Walker, M J Whitmail, S Rarcat, S Donn, D J Hills, S J Hodges, C G Pagni, G E Read-Ward, H D Rodd, N R Sased, E Hul, M Tickle, B P Allan, A R B Razall.

and Mrs E. Buckingham The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of the late Mr and Mrs Howard Slade, 112 FA

of Abingdon, Oxon, and Elizabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs James Hannah, of Dunedin, New Zealand

Mr F.J. Slevin, Jr and Miss A. Ross The engagement is announced between Francis Joseph, second son of Mr F.J. Slevin, of Ballygowan, Northern Ireland, and of the late Mrs Geraldine Slevin, and Amanda, elder win daughter of Group Captain and Mrs D.F.C. Ross, of Stibbington, Cambridgeshire.

Mr T.J. Stedman and Miss D.M. Copinger Hill The forthcoming marriage is announced between John Stedman, of Semer, Suffolk, and Diana, daughter of Mrs Patricia Copinger Hill and the late John Copinger Hill, of Woodbridge. Suffolk.

Mr J.H. Thorne and Miss R.M-P. Bird The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Thorne. of

Mis Norman Thome, on Winterslow, Wiltshire, and Rachelle, daughter of Mme Patricia Beaumont and step-daughter of M Jacques Beaumont, of Questembert, Brittany, France.

Mr P.J.W. Titley and Miss K.M.B. Aspinall and Mass K.M.D. Aspinan
The engagement is announced
between Philip, elder son of Mr
and Mrs R.J.W. Titley, of
Fulham, and Kate, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs J.G.
Aspinall, of Bolton-by-Bowland,
Lancachine Lancashire.

Mr C. Walker and Miss A.R.M. McIlish Mr and Mrs Michael Mellish, of Blackheath, London, have

pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Armabel to Conrad, younger son of Mrs Joan Walker and the late Mr Raymond Walker, of Heysham, Lancashire.

Mr M.E.J. White and Miss V.J. Hanbury-Sparrow The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter White, of Abridge, Esser, and Virginia, daughter of the late Hugh Hanbury-Sparrow and of Mrs Pamela Hanbury-Sparrow, of Ilkley, Yorkshire.

Marriage

Mr H. Whitten and Miss M.I. Reid The marriage took place quietly in Hammersmith yesterday of Mr Howard Whitten, of Ealing, and Miss Margaret Isabel Reid. daughter of the late Marcus and Winifred Reid, of Northwood. Middlesex. The honeymoon is

The Bagrit Centre.

The Second Bagrit Evening was held on Thursday, February 27.
The lecture "How the Camel Keeps Its Cool—The Problems of Work and Survival in Desert Environments" was given by Dr. Robert Schroter, Assistant Directhen held in the atrium. Amongst

these present were:
Lady Bagrit, Sir Roger Bannister. Sir
Matthew Farrer, Sir Alexander Glen, Dr
Oscar Craig, Professor Richard Kimey,
Director of the Centre, Professor and
Mrs Collin Caro, Professor Peter
Fleiding, Professor Hugh, Dudley, Mr
and Mis John Tosa and Miss Angele
Rogers representing the Hayward Fromdation. The occasion also marked the
naming of the Caro Seminar Room in
the Centre.

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BIRTHS

ALLPORT - On February 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Catherine (née Creasy) and ANTCLIFF - On February 23rd. to Calherine mée Graves and Andrew, a daughter, Alice Catherine, a sister for Rosemary.

O'BRIEN - On February 19th 1992, to Sarah (née Lovell) and Rory, a daughter, Lucy, a sister for Fenella.

PALAMOUNTAIN - On February 26th, at home, to Jingo (née Spencer) and Rufus, a daughter.

ROSENBERG - On Thursday February 20th, to Felicity inee Plinemer) and Timothy, a daughter. Charlotte Eliza-both, a sister for Edward. SEYMOUR - On February 25th, at University College Hospital, to Salile take Coolidge) and Thomas, a son, Edward Alexander, a brother for Charlotte,

STEPHENSON CLARKE - On THORPE - On February 26th,

Biakey) and Andrew, a son. a brother for Emma. VASHON - On February 24th at the Humana Hospital Wel-WEBS - On February 25th 1992, at Militon Keynes Hospital, to Suzan (St Maur) and Paul, a son, Thomas Peter Crawford.

YOUNGER - On Pebruary 25th 1992, at Queen Charlotte's, to Jeanle (nee Wootlon) and James. a daughlor. Alice Elizabeth. a sister for Emily.

On February 26th 1992. Susan, after a long courageous and unselfish battle with liness. Funeral private. No flowers, but donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care. 14 Morgan Road. Reading, RGI 5HG. daughter, Ann.
sister for Rosemary.

BALDRAMCE - On February
19 at The Lister Stevenage,
to Sue tnée Whitting) and
Steve, a son, Robert Henry a
brother for Heien.

CLARKE - On February 26th,
to Christine (née O'Fhaherty)

Alexander.

Morgan Rose.

AMSTRUTHER - On February
25th,
Hanover. New Hanopshire,
U.S.A. Last surviving child of
the late Arthur and Mrs
Aristruther (née Trapman).

BAILLIE - On February 25th

And Orme, a son, Alexander.

FOX-ANDREWS

On February 27th, to Etizabeth ince Allam and Piers, a son, Cay James, a brother for Charles and Emma.

GRANT - On February 27th at Queen Charlete's to Milly, May (mee Watson-Smyth)

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HASSAM - On February 25th peacefully at Hinckley Hospital Charles William. Wellington. to Astr and Tadamun. a son. Hesham. brother for Husant. brother for Husant. brother for Husant. Dorbam - On Thursday February 13th to Jane the Corbel-Singleton) and Nicholas. a son. Henry Harry Oliver Corbet.

O'BRIEN - On February 19th 1992, to Sarah the Lovell and Rory, a daughter. Lucy, a sister for Fenella.

Hinckley tel: (0455) 637138.

BALL - On February 27th, peacefully at home. Anita Neets' (née Lesser). Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Edge Hill. Wimbledon, at 11.30 am on Wednesday March 4th. Flowers to Mears & Cotterill. 169 Merton Rd, Wandsworth before 10.30 on March 4th. BURNETT-HALL - On

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BURNETT-HALL On
February 26th 1992, very
peacefully at Walstead Place,
Lindfield, Sussex, Kathleon,
aged 93. A much loved
mother and grandmother.
Funeral Service at All Saints
Church, Lindfield, on Friday
March 6th at 2 pm, followed
by private cremation,
Donations, if desired, for The
Homoeopathic Trust may be
sent to Masters & Son, 20
High Street, Lindfield,
Sussex RH16 2HH.
CHASMAN AMPORAGE

DEMETRIADI - On Tuesday February 25th, Peacefully et St. Thomas's - Hospital. Lt. Cotonel George Demetriadi MBE. TD. Beloved husband of Elizabeth. Puneral private. No flowers or letters please.

DEATHS

ALLEN - On Wednesday
February 26th. Dinah.
Funeral Service at 1.45
Tuesday March 3rd st St
Michael's. Mere. Cremation
at Salisbury. 3 pm. Enquiries
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Hospice may be sent to A.C.
Towner Lid. 2 & 4 Norman
Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea,
East Sussex; TNST 6NH.

LEWORTHY - On February 26th 1992, Audrey, seed 89

DEGHY - On February 25th.
Guy Deghy, beloved histiand of Mart, father of Patrict.
Charles, Nicky and Julian, grandfather of Janni.
Duncan, Alex, Katherite and Sen, Regulern Mass at 2 pm on March 6th at the Church of the Immediate Conception. Farm Street.
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DEWAR - On February 26th 1992, peacefully. Duncan, missed more than words can say by his family. Funeral Service at St Mary's and All Saints Church. Beaconsfield on Wacheeday March 4th at 2.45 pm. followed by Brivate cremation. Family flowers only. If you would like to make a gift in his memory a donation to the Special Care Beby Unit at the John Raddiffe Hospital. Oxford. would be welcomed.

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ESEX-LEWIS - On February
22nd 1992, peacefully at
Bristol, LL Cot. Harold EssecLewis M.B.E., D.C.M., T.D.,
Knight of St. John, D.L., aged
98 years. Funeral Service at
Bristol Cathedral on
Thursday March Sth at 1 pm
followed by cremation at
South Bristol Crematorium
at 2.20 pm. Family flowers
only, donations if desired for
The Royal Artillery Heritage
Fund and the St. John's
Amboiance Brigade may be
sent c/o Thomas DaylsFuneral Directors, let: (0272)
663268.

FIZGIBBON - On February

Sussex RH16 2HH.

CHAPMAN-ANDREWS - On Wednesday February 25th. Wednesday February 25th. Wiffid Leonard, husband of Peopgy and father of Paul and Peter. Funeral Service at St. John's Church, West Bay, on Tuesday March 3rd at 2.15pm. followed by cremation at Yeovil. Donelions if desired to R.N.J.B., c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons. 91 East Street, Bridport, Dorset.

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27th. Nell Robert of Wootton, kie of Wight and formerly Burwash. Sussex. Service and Thanksgiving at 2 pm on Monday March 2nd at bie of Wight Crematorium.

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MALEC - On February 28th 1992, after a long series of illnesses which she bore with great courage, humour and fighting spirit. Lillian Caroline (néc Cuss) 'Mar. Caroline (néc Cuss) 'Mar. and formerly of whitton, near Ludiow. Widow of Harry L. Malec and mother of Felicity. Julian and Penny. Mother-in-law of Margaretta and Onc. Crandmother of Catherine and Gles. She will be sorely missed by all her extensive family and her many friends worldwide. Funeral by Coop Funerals. 114 Brixton Hill. Sw2. at Lambeth Cremboth worldwide. Funeral by Coop Funerals. 114 Brixton Hill. Sw2. at Lambeth Cremboth Sw2. at Lambeth Crembot

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MEMORIAL SERVICES BUCKLEY A Memorial Service for the tale Brian Holden Buckley will be held on Thursday March 19th 1992 at 11.50 am at St Chad's Olley Road, Headingley Leeds.

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OBITUARIES

SIR JOHN ROTHENSTEIN

In 1927, despairing of making a

career in this country, he accepted

an invitation to go as a lecturer to the University of Kentucky. There he met Elizabeth Smith, whom he mar-

ried in 1929. After a year he moved

to Pittsburgh and in 1930 returned

ed director of the City Art Gallery, Leeds, and after a short time moved

to Sheffield. There he was put in

charge of the art gallery recently built by Alderman J. G. Graves to

house a number of his pictures.

These were of very mixed quality.

and Rothenstein encountered diffi-

culties owing to his unwillingness to

hang some of them. During this

In 1932 Rothenstein was appoint-

Sir John Rothenstein, CBE, director of the Tate Gallery from 1938 to 1964, died yesterday aged 90. He was born in Chelsea. London, on July 11, 1901.

JOHN Rothenstein is remembered for his years at the Tate - years marked by a remarkable series of acquisitions for the gallery and for the often tempestuous circumstances in which his stewardship was conducted - and for his writings on art, notably his three-volume Modern English Painters, a labour of twenty years which took the story of British art from Sickert to Hockney. When read in conjunction with his autobiography, also an affair of three volumes, it provided not only an illuminating guide to modern English painting but a commentary on the English definition of art itself. His own life, as purchaser at the Tate had been so Pull Territoria inextricably involved with modern art history and the British approach to it, that his insights were always close to the pulse of criticism and evaluation as it was happening.

By any standards the furore which attended Rothenstein's period at the helm of the Tate was an extraordinary one. Hounded for the decided nature of his views and for his buying policy, it seemed, often, that he could not survive as director. But he knew how to light back (on one occasion he threw a punch at an art critic whom he thought was deriding him at a reception). And in the end his enemies became the victims of their over-violent antipathy to him. And when he left Rothenstein was acknowledged to have given the

Tate a new freshness and vitality. John Knewstub Maurice Rothenstein was the son of the painter Sir William Rothenstein; his mother was Alice Mary Knewstub, whose father was also a painter. When Rothenstein was two the family moved to Hampstead, where the greater part of his childhood was spent. His education was liberal rather than conventional, starting at two day-schools in London, and continuing at Bedales till he went to Worcester College, Oxford, in 1920.

A much stronger formative influ-ence in his childhood and early youth was the circle of people whom he met at his parents' house, which included writers like Conrad and



Hudson and artists like Augustus John and Eric Gill; most influential. perhaps, was Max Beerbohm. By the time he came down from Oxford his father had been appointed principal of the Royal College of Art and here Rothenstein met a remarkable circle of young arrists, including Henry Moore, John Piper and Barbara Hepworth. At the same time he came to know the Sitwells, Wyndham Lewis. Stanley Spencer, Jacques Emile Blanche, and John Strachey. During this period he published a number of articles in the more highbrow periodicals. His one important work published at this time was a catalogue of his father's drawings.

Roman Catholic Church, with whose doctrines he had long felt sympathy. In June 1938 Rothenstein was appointed director of the Tate Gal-

period Rothenstein joined the

lery. The assignment was not an easy one. Under previous regimes the administration of the gallery had become chaotic, a situation which was made worse by the illdefined and often unfriendly relationship between the Tate and the National Gallery, of which it was still technically a part.

War broke out before Rothenstein had been able to make any serious attack on the problems involved in the reorganisation of the Tate. The gallery was closed and the paintings moved to shelter in the country. In October 1939 Rothenstein was sent on a lecture tour in the United States on behalf of the Ministry of Information. Naturally during the war years little could be done at the gallery but a few paintings were acquired and in later years exhibitions of modern English art were sometimes held in the rooms of the

National Gallery.

By April 1946 the Tate Gallery had been sufficiently restored for part of it to be opened and in the following years it gradually came to life again, largely owing to the efforts of Rothenstein. Perhaps the greatest successes of this time were the series of exhibitions held in the Tate but mainly organised by the Arts Council, in which the London public, starved of art for six years, was able once more to see the great masterpieces of French and English art of the last 100 years, and in some cases - as with the pictures from the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna - by old masters. On the whole these were years of pace and achievement, only interrupted by

skirmishes with the Royal Academy over the Chantrey Bequest. In 1950, however, this happy state of affairs changed and the great "Tate Row" began, primarily started by the efforts of Leroux Smith Leroux, the Tate's deputy keeper, who seems to have aimed at dislodging Rothenstein in order to succeed him as director. Even many years on, it was difficult to view the battle objectively. Passions ran so high, so many personal vendettas

were involved, so much false infor-

mation was spread about. The problem was further confused by the fact that for long the only account of the affair was that of Rothenstein himself in the second volume of his autobiography. Brave Day, Hideous Night. And it could hardly be expected that this should be a completely detached version. One could not guess from it, for instance, that at one stage the trustees of the Tate were so dissatisfied with the director that the question of asking for his resignation was seriously discussed.

What is clear is that Rothenstein was saved by the intemperance of his opponents, who overplayed their hand in such a way as to rally the trustees behind the director. That there had been great carelessness in the administration of trust funds is certain, and that there was much unease in staff relations is also demonstrable; but it must be said on the other hand that these errors could not justify the malice with which Rothenstein was dogged by his opponents.

In the end Leroux's appointment was terminated and he left the Tate. An uneasy peace was re-established. and Rothenstein remained director until his retirement in 1964.

Both by his acquisitions for the Tate and by his writings — notably in the three volumes of his Modern English Painters - Rothenstein did much to spread the appreciation of a generation of English artists whose work he had known as he grew up, but his taste was limited. He never sympathised with what were the more advanced movements at the time of his directorship, and he had what can only be called a prejudice against the art of the European continent.

True, under pressure from the trustees he acquired a certain number of important works by contemporary French artists, but he never really supported these purchases with enthusiasm. His attitude towards the Ecole de Paris, which comes out very clearly in his writings, may have been in part a reflection of his dislike of Bloomsbury, which in its turn was probably due to the fact that Rothenstein's father had quarrelled bitterly with Roger Fry. Rothenstein is survived by his

wife, Elizabeth and his daughter,

SIR GEOFFREY **ALDINGTON**

Sir Geoffrey (William) Aldington, KBE, CMG, a former British Ambassador to Luxembourg, died on February 19 aged 84. He was born on June 1. 1907.

GEOFFREY Aldington was the British Consul in Tsingtao when the Japanese invaded China in the second world war. Forced to haul down the Union Jack, he carefully hid it in an old tin trunk while he and his wife were held under guard in the legation. At the end of the war, however, he derived great pleasure from returning to Tsingtao, unearthing the trunk and once more raising the flag above the building.

After being released by his Japanese guards during the war as part of a general exchange of interned diplomats between the two sides. Aldington spent the rest of the war in Delhi, working on propaganda for the Ministry of Information and later for the Southeast Asian Command under Mountbatten.

Despite postings in Europe and the United States after the communist takeover of China, culminating in his appointment as ambassador to Luxembourg, it was as a Sinologist that Aldington made his name.

After being sent to China to learn the language in 1929 as a student interpreter, he spent a total of 20 years in and around the country. Leaving Shanghai just before the communists marched in, he moved to Hong Kong as political adviser to the colonial government, where he was able to make full use of his deep understanding of

APPRECIATIONS

Sir Henry

with him; but his occasional

acerbity (the word is yours)

was offset always by perfect

courtesy, and often by a very

The story is told that during

his final interview before

liamentary Counsel Office

one of his interviewers was

rash enough to ask him

whether he felt entirely confi-

dent that the fact that English

being accepted into the Par-

Rowe

pretty wit.

China and its culture. Geoffrey Aldington was a Londoner, educated at the City of London School and Magdalen College, Oxford. where he took a double first in French and German. It was on the evidence of this linguistic skill that the Foreign Office decided to train him in Chinese

After his first two years learning Mandarin, he served as vice-consul in Peking 1931-33, then for two years as secretary to the Brit-ish minister, Sir Alexander Cadogan, later to head the Foreign Office during the second world war. Aldington was acting consul in Chungking, 1937-39, and consul in Tsingtao, 1939-41. After the war he served as consul general in Hankow, 1945-46, followed by three years as superintending consul in Shanghai.

He never returned, however, after the communists took over. Following his three years in Hong Kong between 1950 and 1953 he moved as consul general to Zagreb in Yugoslavia, and Philadelphia before being made ambassador to Luxembourg in 1961. He retired from the diplomatic service five years later.

A scholarly, humorous man with an infectious chuckle, Aldington took delight in calling himself one of Britain's first "instant knights". He was among the first to benefit from the new ruling in the summer of 1965 which allowed knights to call themselves "Sir" on being gazetted instead of having to wait for the Queen's accolade.

Aldington is survived by his wife, Roberta, and by their two daughters.

PROF MOHAMMED OMER BESHIR

The Bagrit Centre Professor Mohammed Imperial College Omer Beshir, Sudanese ege, an independent college educationist and human financed partly by fees and er er karn Erme rights activist, died on January 29 aged 65. He was + - **> i**€

born in 1926.

MOHAMMED Omer Beshir was a founder member and first chairman of the Sudan Human Rights Organisation and played an influential role in the development of higher education in Sudan for more than 30 years. He was also secretary to the round table conference held in 1965 which led to an end to the conflict in Southern Sudan in 1972. It was a particular sadness to him when the civil war broke out again in 1983 as a result of the imposition of Sharia criminal laws on the country by the then president Nimeri As an educationist. Beshir

was a creative academic administrator, quick to see what needed to be done and full of ideas on new areas to be developed in the University of Khartoum. In the 1950s he was a founder member and general secretary of a Workers Educational Association.

Later he was largely responsible for developing graduate studies in Sudan and became the first dean of the graduate college of the university — a crucially im-portant initiative both for the boost it gave to research work and because it helped to reduce the cost of higher education by training young graduates in their own

financed partly by fees and partly by funds raised with his usual spectacular success by Mohammed Omer himself. He conceived the college as helping to fill a gap in the educational and training opportunities by offering courses in practical subjects. Mohammed Omer Beshir was educated at the University College of Khartoum. where he obtained a diploma in arts in 1949. After the war he was sent on a scholarship Queen's University, Belfast, where he graduated in economics in 1956. He took up appointment as assistant registrar (academic) in the University of Khartoum and, with a brief interlude in 1970-71 when he became head of the Africa department in the Sudanes ministry

was Omdurman Ahlia Coll-

He took leave of absence in Oxford in the mid-1960s and obtained the MLitt degree in 1966, his research being published by the Oxford University Press in 1969 in a book entitled Educational Developments in the Sudan. He published three other books. two on the Southern Sudan and one, in 1974, entitled Revolution and Nationalism

of foreign affairs, he re-

mained in the service of the

university until his retirement

The last few years of his life were clouded by the events in the Sudan and the fact that he was not persona grata country. His final creation with his own government.

in the Sudan.

THE RIGHT REV PETER MUMFORD

The Right Rev Peter Mumford, Bishop of Truro, 1981-89, died on February 22 aged 69. He was born on October 14, 1922.

to London.

PETER Mumford's episc ways be remembered for a healing of a breach between Anglicans and Methodists. Anglicans in Cornwall flippantly call Methodism "the Established Church" as the county is a Methodist stronghold. Relations between the Methodists and the Church of England had suffered grievously through the failure of the unity scheme between the two churches. With effective diplomacy. Mumford invited the chairman of the Methodist district to address the diocesan synod, where he received a standing ovation; and both church leaders made a joint declaration to work together in every possible way, and encouraged their clergy to do so. Mumford created a new and positive ecumenical atmosphere.

Educated at Sherborne School and University College, Oxford, he went on to Cuddesdon Theological College, obtaining an MA in 1954. He did war service from 1942, reaching the rank of captain in the Royal Artillery, and was demobilised in 1947 to become a deacon in 1951 and a priest in 1952. He became Archdeacon of St Albans in 1973 and Bishop Suffragan of Hertford in 1974. He moved to Truro in 1981. Mumford was naturally gregarious



and involved himself in many aspects of Cornish life. Unemployment has always been a bane in the county where it runs at 20 per cent. Mumford formed a business forum at Lis Escop (Cornish: The House of the Bishop") to enable leading businessmen in the county to meet to form a think-tank for devising remedial measures for the young unemployed. He took the liveliest interest in

the helicopter rescue work of the Royal Naval Air Station at Culdrose, and, to get first-hand knowledge of what it was like to be rescued, volunteered to be winched up by a helicopter crew. He was one of the first to visit the families of the Penlee life-boat disaster, which was felt keenly throughout Cornwall.

He served as president of the Royal Comwall Agricultural Show, and was an enthusiastic president of the Cornwall Garden Society. Outside Cornwall, Mumford was vice-chairman of the Central Board of Finance. He was a good communicator and commended the ne-cessity and desirability of Christian stewardship to the general synod and to the Church at large.

Though a traditionalist churchman, he was what may be described as a loyal, liberal Catholic. Opposed by training and instinct to the idea of the ordination of women, he yet accepted the decision to ordain deaconesses and did much to encourage women's ministry. When asked how he would react if the general synod approved the ordination of women to the priesthood, he said he would always put the collective wisdom of the Church above his own views.

He was always on excellent terms with his clergy, whom he knew personally. and involved himself with their families

and problems. He leaves his wife, Jane, two sons and

HENRY Rowe, as your excellent obituary (February 19) of him well demonstrates, was a man of the utmost intellectual distiction, which could sometimes be awe-inspiring to those in the Public Bill Office and at the Table of the House who were privileged to deal

draftsmanship. To this rather impertinent question Henry is reputed to have replied with another: "Since when have the statutes of the United Kingdom been drafted in English?

Se non è vero, è ben trovato. was not his mother tongue Sir Charles Gordon, KCB, would not to some extent impede him in his work of Clerk of the House, 1979-83

Dr Ian Mackenzie

DR IAN Mackenzie, neurologist, has died aged 78 in Guy's Hospital, London, where he was consultant physician emeritus. He trained in neurology at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases and then became chief assistant to the neurological department at Guy's where,

in 1955, he succeeded Sir

Charles Symonds as consul- | Aimery tant neurologist. He continued to practise there until his | Somogy retirement in 1978.

To most doctors the neurological examination is an arcane and time-consuming procedure. In Ian Mackenzie's hands it became a highly refined instrument, used economically to resolve the few diagnostic problems remaining after his shrewd questionclinical history.

AIMERY Somogy a prominent publisher of art books, has died at the Ambroise-Pare hospital outside Paris aged 94. He was born in Hungary in 1897.

Somogy came to Paris in 1925 and founded his publishing house in 1937. ing had unravelled the Among his early successes was Hitler Told Me, a Ger-

man refugee's tale of horror and persecution under the Nazis. The book was on the best-seller list until the Germans invaded France in 1940. The book was banned and Somogy's publishing operation was shut down. After the war. Somogy published Arthur Koestler's Spartacus. Recent publications include the monographs of many famous artists, art dictionaries, encyclopedias and Pierre Cabanne's Twentieth Century Art.

came just six weeks after the launch of Operation Desert Storm and 100 hours after the start of the ground offensive. General Norman Schwarzkopf, the allied commander, said that allied forces were at one point within 150 miles of the Iraqi capital and could have taken it virtually

The ceasefire in the Gulf war

unopposed had that been a war aim. "VICTORY FOR MANKIND"

PRESIDENT Bush, addressing the world through American television early today to announce a halt to the fighting in the Gulf war, said: "Kuwait is liberated. Iraq's

army is defeated. Our military objectives are met. Kuwait is once more in the hands of Kuwaitis, in control of their own destiny. We share in their joy, a joy tempered only by our compassion for their ordeal. Tonight, the Kuwaiti Ilag once again flies above the capital of a free and sovereign nation. and the American flag flies

above our embassy.
"Seven months ago, America and the world drew a line in the sand. We declared that the aggression against Kuwait would not stand, and tonight America and the world have kept their word. This is not a time for euphoria, certainly not a time to gloat, but it is a time of pride pride in our troops, pride in the friends who stood with us in the crisis, pride in our nation and the people whose strength and resolve made victory quick, decisive and just And soon, we will open wide our arms to welcome back home to America our magnificent fighting forces.

No one country can claim this victory as its own. It was not only a victory for Kuwait. but a victory for all the coalition partners. This is a victory for the United Nations, for all mankind, for the rule of law,

FEB 28 ON THIS DAY and for what is right. It is up to lraq whether this suspension on the part of the coalition becomes a permanent cease-fire. Coalition political and military terms for a formal ceasefire include the following

> • Iraq must release immedistely all coalition prisoners of war, third-country nationals, and the remains of all who have fallen. • iraq must release ali Kuwaiti

• Iraq must also inform Kuwaiti authorities of the location and nature of all land and sea

· Iraq must comply fully with all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions. This includes a rescinding of Iraq's August decision to an-nex Kuwait, and acceptance in principle of Iraq's responsibility to pay compensation for the loss, damage and injury its

aggression has caused. • The coalition calls upon the Iraqi government to designate within 48 hours with their coalition counterparts, at a place in the theatre of operations, to arrange for military

aspects of the ceasefire. "The suspension of offensive combat operations is comingent upon Iraq's not firing upon any coalition forces, and not launching Scud missiles

against any other country.

"At every opportunity I have said to the people of Iraq that our quarrel was not with them. but instead with their leadership, and above all with Saddam Hussein . . We must now begin to look beyond victory and war. We must meet the challenge of securing the peace. We've already done a good deal of thinking and planning. There can be and will be no solely American answer to all these challenges. but we can assist and support the countries of the region and be a catalyst for peace. Tonight, though, let us be proud of what we have accomplished. Let us give thanks to those who risked their lives. Let us never

forget those who gave their lives . ."

Birthdays today

Mr Peter Alliss, golfer and broad-caster, 61; Sir Peter Baxendell, former chairman, Hawker Siddeley Group, 67; Miss Stephanie Beacham, actress, 43; Mr Alfred Burke, actor, 74; Dr D.P. Burkitt, oncologist, 81; Mr John Carson, actor, 65; Field Marshal Sir James Cassels, 85; Viscount Dilborne, 60; Major-General E.F. Foxton, 78; Mt Tristan Garel-Jones, MP, 51; Mrs H.M. Grindrod, QC, 56; Mr Oliver B. A are a second and are a second and a second Harris, former director, National Heritage Memorial Fund, 63; Sir Anthony Havelock-Allan, film producer, 88; Admiral Sir Peter Herbert, 63; Major-General M.F. Hobbs, director. Duke of Edin-The second secon burgh's Award Scheme, 55; Professor J.M. Irvine, principal and vice-chancellor, Aberdeen University, 53; Lord Joicey, 67; Professor Thomas Kempner, rolessor of business studies, 62: Mr Barry McGuigan, boxer, 31; the state of the s Mr George Malcolm, musician, 75: Mr M. Marriott, headmaster, to give the second of the seco Canford School, Dorset, 60: Mr Brian Moore, sports com-mentator, 60; the Earl of Onslow, chemist, 91: Mr Robin Phillips, actor and director, 50: Sir Ronald Radford, former chairman, HM

Customs and Excise, 76; Dr Peter Southern, headmaster, Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, 45: Professor Sir Stephen Spender. poet, 83; Sir John Swire, honorary president, John Swire and Sons, 65; Mr Harry Turner, managing director, Television South West, 57: Sir Brian Ur-quhart, former assistant sec-retary-general, UN, 73; Vice-Admiral Sir James Weatherall, 56: Mr John Wilson, racehorse trainer, 36; Sir Michael Young-Herries, former chairman, Royal Bank of Scotland Group, 69.

The Royal Astronomical Society

The Royal Astronomical Society has announced the following awards for 1992: Gold medals: Professor Eugen Parker, of the University of Chicago and Professor D.P. McKenzie, of Cambridge University; Herschel medal: Profes-sor Andrew Lyne, of Jodrell Bank; Jackson Gwilt medal: Dr F.R. Stephenson, of Durham

Church news

Clergy appointments The Rev John Andrews, Honorary Curate. St Barnabas, Dulwich: to be Honorary Curate, St Stephen's, Dulwich (Southwark). The Rev Thomas Baron, Assistant Curate, St Paul's, Hartlepool. and part-time Chaplain at Hartle-pool General Hospital (Durham); to be Assistant Chaplain at the Whitington Hospital, Islington (Landon)

The Rev Smart Baxter, Vicar, St Mary. Nelson: to be Vicar, St James, Lostock Hall, Preston (Blackburn). The Rev Isabel M Brotherton.

Parish Deacon, Duddeston (Birmingham): to be Resident Minister, Harlescon (Lichfield). The Rev John Cook, Assistant Curate. Bourne to be Rector. Colsterworth (Lincoln). The Rev William S Croft, Vice-Principal of Chichester Theologi-cal College: to be Vicar, Fenhaust (Chichester).

The Rev E Faith Cully, Descon. St Peter, Filton: to be Deacon, St John, Fishponds (Bristol). The Rev Canon Francis H Doe, Rector, Stopham and Fittleworth and Rural Dean of Petworth: to be Assistant Curate, Stansted (and Forestside) (Chichester).

The Rev Geinor Downs, Development Officer at Chichester Theological College: to be Parish Deacon, Durrington (Chichester). The Rev John Draycott, Vicar, West Bessacarr (Sheffield): to be Vicar, Christ Church, and Priestin-Charge, St John, Erith (Rochester).

The Rev Colin G G Everen, Rector. The Fornhams and Timworth: to be Priest-in-Charge. Stowupland, and Second Diocesan Officer for local nonstipendiary ministry (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich). The Rev David S Farrant, Vicar, Climping and Yapton w Ford: to be Diocesan Schools Administration Officer (Chichester). The Rev Colin Fowler, Team

Vicar, Worcester South East (Worcester): to be Priest-In-Charge Moulton (Lincoln). The Rev John Hawkins, Curate, Holy Trinity, Birchfield (Birmingham): to be Assistant Curate. All Saints, Poplar

(London). The Rev Stephen J Haylett, Curate, St John, Sevenoaks to be Priest-in-Charge, All Saints, Footscray (Rochester). The Rev David L Heap. Curate, St Gabriel, Blackburn: to be

Vicar. St Christopher, Bare, Morecame (Blackburn). The Rev Donald K Henshall, Curate, St Mary Magdalene, Ribbleton, Preston (Blackburn): to be (under the auspices of the USPG), Rector, St Paul. Charlesnown (Nevis), diocese North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba. The Rev Giles A B King-Smith,

Curate, Greater Corsham: to be Vicar, St Michael, Two Mile Hill (Bristol). The Rev Vivienne Lucas, Chaplain's Assistant, West Middlesex University Hospital, and part-time Parish Deacon, St Augustine of Canterbury, Whitton: to resign as Chaplain's Assistant and to be a full-time member of staff in the parish of Whitton (London). The Rev John Marshall Evans, non-stipendiary minister. Rugeley Team Ministry: to be non-stipendiary Priest-in-Charge,

Yoxall (and later to be collated to the benefice of Yoxall as from 1 September) (Lichfield). The Rev John Patrick, Assistant Curate, Frankby w Greasby (Chester): to be Lecturer, Boston St Botolph (Lincoln).
The Rev Daniel L Pope, Missions to Seamen: to be Priest-in-Charge, Shipley (Chichester).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Michel de Montaigne

essayist, Périgord, France, 1533; Henry Stubbs, physician and scholar, Partney, Lincolnshire, 1631/2: René Resumur, invento and naturalist, La Rochelle, France, 1683: Daniel Solander, botanist, Norrland, Sweden, 1736; Berthold Auerbach, novelist, Nordstetten, Germany, 1812; Sir John Tenniel, illustrator and cartooninst, London, 1820; Rachel (Elisa Felix), actress, Mumpi, Switzerland 1820: Douglas Hogg, 1st Vis-count Hallsham, Lord Chancellor 1928-29, 1935-38, London 1872: Henri Breuil, priest and archaeologist, Mortain, France, 1877.

DEATHS: Robert Fabyan, chronicler, London, 1513; Manuel Johnson, astronomer, Oxford, 1859: Alphonse de Lamartine, poet and statesman. Passy, France, 1869; Henry James, novelist, Rye, 1916; Arnold Dolmetsch, musician, Haslemere. Surrey. 1940; Maxwell Anderson, dramatist, Stamford. Connecticut, 1959; Rajendra Prasad, statesman, Pama, India, 1963; Henry Luce, founder of Time, Fortune, Life, Phoenix, Arizona, 1967.

to help destroy arms

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE government has offered Russia an unprecedented deal to help them in dismantling two-thirds of their nuclear weapons. British nuclear expertise, special armoured vehicles and advice on reprocessing weapons-grade fuel are to be provided free.

The aid package, costing millions of pounds to come from reserve funds, was announced yesterday by Tom King, the defence secretary. The decision was the result of a visit to Moscow two weeks ago by a team of British experts, led by Geoffrey Pocock, the defence ministry's principal technical adviser on nuclear matters.

The Russians plan to destroy 20,000 out of 30,000 tactical and strategic warheads over ten years. British personnel will not be involved in dismantling the weapons. However, after a specific request for help, the government is to provide up to 20 armoured vehicles to transport warheads between facilities and railheads, and 250 special containers for moving nuclear weapons around. About £10 million has been

earmarked for the first year.

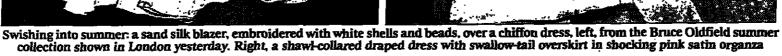
Mr King said it was the scale of the dismantling programme and the tight timetable the Russians had set themselves that had forced them to seek outside help. "This will be the start of one of the most critical and valuable contributions we can make, protecting the world from what could be very ma-

jor nuclear hazards," he said. All former Soviet tactical nuclear missiles are to be transferred to Russia from other republics by July, and all strategic weapons by 1994. The special armoured vehicles being provided by Britain will cost about £1 million each and will have to be built by British companies.

John Wakeham, the energy secretary, is to go to Russia next week to discuss further aspects of the British nuclear aid package. The Russians have expressed interest in nuclear reprocessing technol-ogy used by British Nuclear Fuels at Sellafield, in which weapons-grade plutonium and uranium are converted Small numbers of British experts will spend time in Russia providing assistance and advice. Help will also be given in environmental projects.

Oldfield backs winner with Ascot look





BY LIZ SMITH BRUCE Oldfield showed off his summer collection in London yester-day and proved his grasp of what his customer wants. The show opened with neat jackets in crunchy cotton

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have become bureaucratic

and tamed. They believe that

peaceful protest has run its course. David Garland, the

group's campaigns organiser, said: "Environ-

mental policies are not being

carried out fast enough in

Britain. Things have to be

speeded up and the only way

to do this is through

Two weekends ago, the

group joined the largely Tory

Twyford Down Association in

Winchester, and Friends of

the Earth, at a demonstration

to protest at the start of works

confrontation."

US group infiltrates

motorway protesters

on the motorway extension.

which will cut a 400-foot wide

trench through one of En-

gland's most heavily protect-

ed to do so by the police, members of Earth First! re-

fused, chaining themselves to

machinery. There were six

such confrontations may

eventually lead to violence of

ed with animal rights

REMOLADE

campaigners.

Some observers fear that

While the other campaigners left the site when request-

matelasse in pale neutrals, or sugary shades which unbuttoned to reveal matching bare-backed dresses. In case the models' flowery hats and mother-of-pearl binoculars failed to summon up Royal Ascot, Peter

O'Sullevan's commentary on the soundtrack set the scene. For summer evenings, Mr. Oldfield served up blazers in honey-coloured wild silk, encrusted with white shell and bead embroidery, to wear over narrow silk

jeans. Slinky bias-cut jersey or crepe dresses, an Oldfield speciality, are petalled in violet, cyclamen pink and emerald organza, with bouncy shawl collars plunging to a bow at the waist and a swallow-tail train at the back.

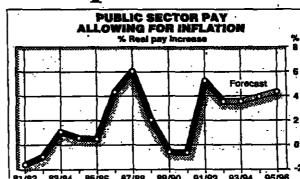


Pay boost for public sector

Continued from page 1 tor pay to fall behind in times of rapid inflation but to overtake private sector rises when inflation falls. This is partly because many public sector pay review arrangements base next year's settlements on last year's inflation.

The slow response of public sector pay is compounded by indexing and staged settlements, which may spread over several years. In addition, Mr Trinder said, there was evidence that public sector settlements tended to be

His research showed a pronounced boom in public sec-Earth First page 5 tor pay awards ahead of the



surge under way now. "In settlements in full," Mr Trinder said. "They tend to do that when there is a general election."

This year public sector pay by 9.75 per cent. In January, inflation, measured by the Retail Prices Index, was just 4.1 per cent.

Political sketch

Beware the first cuckoo of swing

As any child knows.

Apeople who hear the first cuckoo in spring write to The Times. Well yester-day, at 3.27 pm, I heard the first cuckoo in the election campaign. Nicholas Wint-erton (C. Macclesfield) sup-ported the government.

The song of the Macclesfield Cuckoo, or Cuculus Macclesfieldiensis, is a rare one. The bird is often heard in the Chamber, but almost never in song Its familiar cry is a scolding sound, a sort of angry screech, for this bird has been in a continous rage against the government for as long as anyone can remember.

From its customary perch

below the gangway it rises. week after week, its silveryyellow plumage ruffled in irritation, the area round its beak pink with fury, and pecks angrily at whichever unlucky minister is on duty. Month after month, the Macclesfield Cuckoo has squawked its displeasure at the decline of manufacturing industry, the disarray of the government's "care in the community" policy, and any one of a number of subjects known to outrage this sensitive bird. But it never sings. Never, until yesterday.

Heaven knows, we had warning. When Ted Heath wears his light blue socks, we know something is up. When Dame Peggy Fenner (C, Medway) arrives in full Aztec war-goddess's robe, we know it is serious. But when Nicholas Winterton compliments his own front bench, we know that this is it. We have lift-off. The gen-

eral election is upon us.

Cuculus Macclesfieldiensis first began to bob up
and down on its perch during a question from Ted Garrett (Lab. Wallsend). The bird's agitation was odd for Garrett is one of the most popular MPs in the House His question, about the threat to British shipyards from German subsi-dy, reflected concern on all sides, and Mr Major, reply-ing, appeared to agree. Besides, the question technically speaking — was "whether the prime minister will visit Wallsend". Wallsend is nowhere near Macclesfield. So what bothered the Cuckoo?

Mr Speaker noticed the fuss and called the bird to speak. "On his way to Wall-send, will the prime minister visit Macclesfield where pared for a rant. But no. The Cuckoo be-

gan to warble ... "an area

ready to respond to the sound foundations of the economy which he and I know the government have established ..." the Cuckoo paused. It was not unknown for this bird to preface its attack with a soft note or two. Four hundred MPs waited for the inevita-

ble "But ..."
No But! This was all. The Cuckoo sat down. From the bench in front, Anthony Beaumont-Dark leaned over and with his Order Paper fanned his colleague. who had gone pink. Mr Winterton smiled.

The most tremendous cheer arose. The whole Commons, Conservative and opposition parties together, roared, as much in shock as acclaim. Youthful Tojas who had more heard. Tories who had never heard Mr Winterton praise the government, looked across, wide-eyed, at the phenomenon. The occasion remind-ed your sketchwriter of his boyhood in Swaziland, when one winter, it snowed for the first time in living memory, and people ran in fear and wonder from their huts to marvel. Have stars collided? Will lions walk in the streets of London?

rounger members of I the press gallery looked puzzled as MPs on all sides, clerks at the table and experienced journalists, roared with laughter and even the Speaker grinned. Why, wondered the junior ones, when a Tory supports the Tories, was everyone so surprised? Older correspondents ex-plained in fatherly whis-pers. Down the corridors of the Palace of Westminster, through the tea rooms and smoking rooms and into the bars, ran the murmur:
"Mr Winterton has supported the government! Aliah be praised!" In the libraries, MPs re-checked Bagehot's The English Constitution which men-Constitution, which mentions that the PM goes to Buckingham Palace before announcing an election—but says nothing about Mr.

Winterton.
Only upon the faces of Mr Major and the chief whip beside him, did a note of alarm register. Winter-ton was on board where "What shall we, then, say to these things?" wrote St Paul to the Romans. "If God be for us, who can be against us?".
Indeed, thought the chief

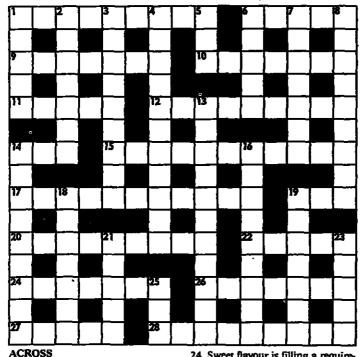
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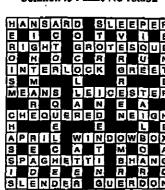
THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,853



- 1 Mechanic producing a terrific
- 6 Premier duke concealing king
- 9 Sky delivery, with all-rounder bowling (7). 10 Set off and run into bouncy character (7).
- 11 All the players scored (5). 12 Like a metal entering a different
- state (9). 14 Make fun of medical philanthropist (3). 15 Restrictive measure to take in a
- ringleader and others (5,6). 17 Affected by diversion, ain't put out — started going round (11).

 19 Salt produced using most of acid
- 20 Producer of old pictures appeared with artist on TV (3,6). 22 Leaving tail off fish (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,852



- 24 Sweet flavour is filling a require-
- 26 One in danger of falling for a holiday-maker (7).
- 27 Birdie below par (5). 28 By appearing in public, such a sudden success? (9).

1 Crewman on vessel without a

- superior (5). 2 Author's play appearing after place in series is taken up (7). Explorer's little boy taken in by
- Unable to face endless silly chat
- 5 Lack of excitement? Not for stag
- 6 Put on act willingly? So it was said (5). Jazz season covered by news-
- paper (7). One who bedevils people in high places (9).
- 13 Novel sort of enlargement (11). 14 Sage in a jar (9). 16 Knocking into shape in bloody
- battle (9). 18 It's displayed frontally in vehicle, namely as legal requirement
- 19 Wine and brandy, for example, 14 ac gets attached to (4-3). 21 imitation piano in mountain-top home (5).
- 23 Wader in water, gently rising (5). Party split by an upstart or two

Concise Crossword, page 9 Life & Times section

Compression of the profit of a second consequence of the first second

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

a. A veterinary ointment b. A pass at bullfighting c. Double-milled meal ETUI a. A needle case b. Boredom, tedium c. A linen stipper for Muslin RENIDIFICATION Building another nest
 Making textual glosse
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Ravenously Full of boles

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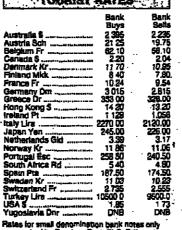
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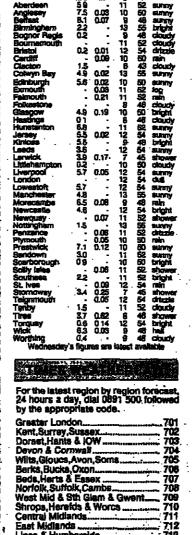
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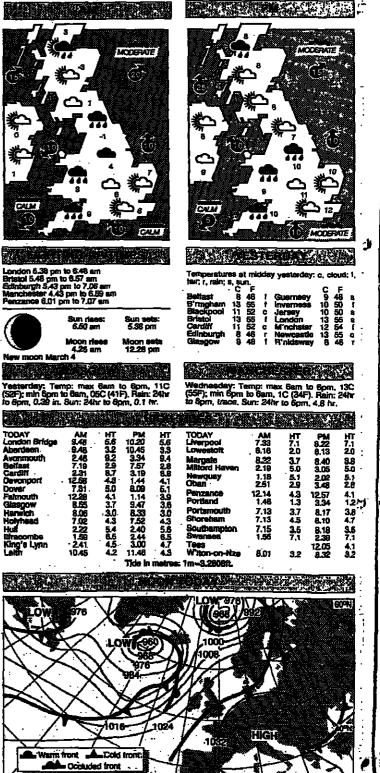
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL





Lloyd's of London has issued a robust response to questions about the workings of the market compiled by Conservative MPs concerned about the losses afflicting names Page 21

SHEDDING Philips, the Dutch electronics group, will cut more jobs and sell further businesses this year, despite a return to profits Page 18

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be frozen or even reduced. Robert Evans, British Gas chairman, said after announcing pre-tax

TOMORROW



Bernard Asher's hands on approach has turned loss into profit at James Capel, the UK securities house, where he is chairman

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New perks are being used to reward employees and keep tax collectors at bay. Weekend Money looks at the latest schemes

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Worst figures since January last year

Trade deficit soars to surprise £794m

THE government suf- to £25 million. The figures fered another blow yesterday, this time from the January trade figures. They showed a monthly current account deficit up from £409 million in December to £794 million, as a result of a fall in exports and a smaller fall in imports.

However, economists have long cautioned against reading too much into one set of monthly statistics, especially the trade figures, which are notoriously unreliable and prone to subsequent revision. The February figures are due to be announced on March 23, two weeks before a pos-

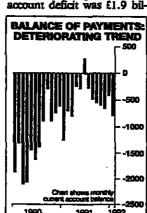
sible election. Yesterday's figures pro-voked more reaction from politicians than from markets. The FT-SE 100 share index fell 3 points on the day to 2,562, influenced more by losses on Wall Street than disappointment over the trade figures. City economists had expected a slight widening in the deficit to around £450 million.

The pound rose 1.25 cents to \$1.7575 by the 4 pm Bank of England close and 0.13 of a pfennig against the mark to DM 2.8867.

January's deficit on visible trade, which excludes socalled invisible items such as banking, insurance and tourism, was £1.1 billion, up from £700 million in December. The value of exports fell 7.5 cent to £8.3 billion and that of imports was down 3 per cent to £9.4 billion. The value of oil exports fell from £195 million to £156 million. The value of the surplus on erratic trade items such as aircraft, ships and precious stones fell from £139 million

BY GEORGE SIVELL were the worst since January 1991, when the current account deficit was £1.245 billion and the deficit on visible trade was £1.345 billion. That month was the last in which either figure exceeded £1 billion, prompting Central Statistical Office economists to look at whether the seasonal adjustment mechanism is

working.
The CSO always prefers to draw attention to the quarterly figures. In the latest three months, the implied current



1991_ lion, against £1.3 billion in the preceding three months. Over the past quarter, the value of imports was 0.5 per cent lower than in the previous three months and the value of exports was 1 per cent lower than in the previous quarter but 2.5 per cent

higher than a year earlier. deficit of £2.8 billion over the past quarter, compared with £2.6 billion in the previous three months. Over the quarter, exports of cars decreased by 12 per cent and imports of manufactured goods were 1.5 per cent up on the previous

three months. Yesterday, the CSO said that because of changes in European trade in 1993, no full trade figures will be published for several months after the December 1992 figures come out in January 1993. It will be the first break since a strike by civil servants in 1981 crip-pled the Customs and Excise computer, with the result that there were no trade figures

between March and October that year. Customs controls at EC frontiers will be abolished when the single market takes effect in January 1993. That means customs documents, the current source of European trade statistics, will be abolished. The new statistics will be drawn from VAT returns, on which businessmen will have to state export and import totals. They will take several months to appear in

trade statistics. The European Community accounts for an ever-increas-ing proportion of British trade. The CSO said EC trade accounted for 57 per cent of exports and 53 per cent of

imports.
City economists reacted badly to the figures, even if the markets did not. They were described as "appalling" by David Owers, an economist with Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank. "It is down to the slowdown in Europe," he said, adding that it was "not good news for the government". Exports could

sion. Nigel Richardson, of SG Warburg, another merchant bank, said the sharp fall in exports to Europe was



ICI chief sceptical of quick upturn

SIR Denys Henderson, chairman of ICI, dampened hones of a quick recovery in the company's fortunes with a warning that he saw no sign of economic upturn in the main industrial countries and

that the bulk chemical cycle might not turn up until 1993. He said: "The coming months will continue to be difficult worldwide and, in view of the global uncertainties, it would not be prudent at this stage to attempt to predict when recovery might begin. But when it comes, it is

very likely to be gradual." ICI was well placed to exploit an upturn, he said, but "the immediate emphasis will remain on cost containment and cash conservation". In Comment, page 21 | 1991, sales fell 3 per cent to

£12.9 billion. Pre-tax profits fell a further 10 per cent, on a comparable basis, to £843 million, despite higher profits from pharmaceuticals, paints, agrochemicals and

Fourth-quarter profits recovered from £43 million to £140 million thanks to cost-The dividend is maintained at 55p from earnings down to 76.4p per share (82.3p). Sir

Denys said it would not have been prudent to raise the divi dend in the absence of firm signs of profit improvement. Pharmaceutical profits increased by 10 per cent to £538 million and the agrochemicals and seeds business made £144 million. Togeth-

er, the two divisions account-

ed for two thirds of group trading profits. Profits from bulk industrial chemicals fell from £205 million to £135 million and would have been worse but for the inclusion of Tioxide, previously an associate. The materials division doubled its loss to £20 million and ICI has stopped making advanced resin-based materials. Ronnie Hampel, chief

could not afford losses of £50 million. Mr Hampel said ICI had completed more than 30 of the 52 items allowed for in the £300 million extraordinary provision made a year ago for restructuring. The 1991 results benefited from £140 million of cost savings,

equivalent to £200 million

operating officer, said ICI

annually and halfway to the target of £400 million. Disposals raised £500 million and 11,000 jobs have already been shed in continuing busi

All divisions except pharmaceuticals were obliged to halve routine budgeted investment, and capital restraint will continue. A quarter of capital spending is now on environmental improvement, including expansion of replacements for chloro-fluorocarbons and measures to reduce waste and

A further £37 million is being spent quadrupling capacity for Quorn, the group's non-animal food protein.

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Midland trebles profit to £36m

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MIDLAND Bank's profits more than trebled last year to £36 million, despite a £200 million rise in bad debt provisions to £903 million. City loss of up to £80 million.

analysts had been expecting a Sir Peter Walters, the bank's chairman, said the figures were moderately gratify-



Sir Peter: gratifying

ing in a very tough year. "But we are fully aware of what we still have to do," he added. The profit was achieved by heavy cost-cutting and job cuts. Sir Peter gave a warning that workforce numbers would fall further.

There is an unchanged 1.7p final dividend. The reduction in expenses increased trading profits 28 per cent to a record £948 million. The bank's bad debts fell sharply in the second half, unlike its competitors. Midland has now made provisions against 9,400 corporate customers. Sir Peter said that Midland is ready to sell Thomas Cook, its travel agent subsidiary. The bank will consider any

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offer of more than £200

Royal Insurance unveils £373m loss

By JONATHAN PRYNN

ROYAL Insurance has reported a £373 million pre-tax loss (E187 million loss) for 1991, the biggest ever by a UK composite insurer, after being hit by more than £250 million of mortgate indemni-ty losses. The final dividend has been axed, leaving the total payout at 11.25p (26p).

The market reacted with concern at the size of the losses and the decision not to pay a final dividend. Analysis said that the company had not made its current dividend policy clear and many brokers are forecasting a further cut or no dividend payment at all for 1992. The shares fell

Richard Gamble, the chief executive, said that the dividend decision "did not reflect any lack of faith in the future of the business, but reflects

the need to improve the solvency margin until the benefit of many profit improvement measures we are taking flows through".

Mr Gamble outlined a series of cost cutting and other

Royal UK made a loss before tax of £367 million and, apart from the mortgage indemnity losses, was affected by an increase in theft claims to £78 million and a £45 million deterioration in the marine account. The group made an £18 million pre-tax profit in America, the first for four years.

Sun Alliance, meanwhile, is expected to report a loss in excess of £400 million and total losses for the sector could reach £1.3 billion.

Airlines fail to agree joint venture split

BA-KLM merger talks called off

By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Airways failed again in its at-tempt to form a global airline yesterday when negotiations with KLM, the Dutch national carrier, were aban-doned. Both airlines had hoped to combine into a new airline that would have been the fourth biggest in the world using Heathrow and Schipol airports as European hubs and Detroit or an American east coast city as the North American centre of operations.

BA, Europe's most profitable airline and the envy of its big loss-making rivals in America, had demanded a share of the capital of the new joint venture that KLM could not accept. The talks ended after Lord King, BA's chairman, made it clear that he was not prepared to accept anything less than a 70 per cent share of the new airline, while KLM would not

agree to more than 60 per cent. In fact, BA regarded even the 70/30 split as generous toward KLM and had originally planned on taking an 80 per cent stake in the new venture; below that, they told the Dutch, they would have simply been pouring their hard-earned profits into KLM.

But the Dutch government, which owns half the airline, and the powerful Dutch unions were worried about the political implications of allowing what amounted to a takeover of their national carrier by a foreign airline.

Lord King said yesterday that negotiations with a number of unnamed carriers had been held up until the KLM deal had either been finalised or ended. "I will do a deal one of these days" he said. But when I do it will be at a price that suits us and not at a price that suits someone else. In the meantime we don't have to do anything because we are strong and profitable as we are."

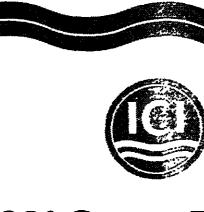
Attempts by BA to link with United, Air New Zealand and Sabena bave all failed over the last few years, giving present putative partners the opening to press their demands hard in the belief that BA may be becoming desperate to do a deal.

In Europe, most of the openings appear to have been closed already. The Benelux countries had always been the obvious area for the development of a European hub but with both KLM and Sabena having been wooed and lost there is now nothing left there.

Air France and Lufthansa have come together in a close marketing link. Iberia and Alitalia look likely to form a partnership and SAS has close working relationships with several airlines, including Austrian and Swissair.

In America the two obvious candidates for a potential partnership are USAir, which is expanding rapidly in its domestic market and needs an international link, and Southwest, which is not only profitable but rapidly expanding its network, based largely on a "no frills" service that has captured the imagination of American passengers.

Among the outsiders for involvement with BA is Continental, which is operating under chapter 11 bankruptcy pro-tection. SAS has a stake in Continental and is also a major shareholder in British Midland Airways. BMA, in turn, has just signed a marketing deal with United, including a code-sharing arrangement allowing travel agents in America to sell "through" services directly onto a matching BMA service in Europe.



1991 Group Results

The trading results of the Group for the year 1991, subject to completion of the audit, together with comparative figures for 1990, are as follows:

_	1990*	1991
	£m	£m
Титроуег	12,906	12,488
Profit before taxation	936	843
Earnings per £1 Ordinary Share	82.3p	76.4p
Dividends per £1 Ordinary Share	55.0p	55.0 ₀

"Restated to reclassify as an exceptional item (and therefore charge against profit before taxation) the fourth quarter 1990 extraordinary charge of £41m pre-tax, relating to restructuring the Tioxide business. Abridged results; full statutory accounts for the year 1990 with an unqualified audit report have been lodged with the Registrar of Companies.

Trading results for the first quarter of 1992 will be announced on Thursday 30 April 1992.

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Alfred McAlpine braced for tough year ahead

BY MARTIN WALLER

rights issue, and the payment

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that the first-half perfor-

mance this year would be

poor, but that the full year

would show "modest

improvement". The previous

year's attributable profits were severely dented by £39

million of provisions; this

time extraordinary provi-

sions, in respect of closed or

closing businesses, are sharply reduced to £3.9 million.

has left a mere £3.1 million of

borrowings, or year-end gear-

ing of 1.9 per cent. Much of the debt is in dollars at low rates capped for 18 months.

Turnover fell 7 per cent to

£621 million and gross profits

were £8.4 million lower at

£69.2 million, but operating costs fell £7.2 million to £54.5

million. At the operating lev-el, the construction division

declined £2.1 million to £7.3 million, but homes and min-

erals were both slightly ahead. Profits from the Amer-

ican business fell £1 million to

Mr Odgers said the con-

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Mr Odgers gave a warning

million deficit.

PRE-TAX profits at Alfred McAlpine, the construction group that Graeme Odgers, the former BT deputy chairman, is trying to steer out of recession, remained barely changed at £9.3 million against £9.2 million in the year to end-October. Mr Odgers, chief executive, has predicted another difficult

McAlpine is paying a 5.8p final dividend, making a total unchanged at 10.3p on share capital enlarged by last year's

Berlusconi bids for Channel 5

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK

SILVIO Berlusconi, the Italian media mogul, could be the first foreigner to control a British television station if his bid for the new Channel 5 commercial licence, to compete with ITV from 1994, is

Signor Berlusconi, who runs Italy's three largest comstruction division had not chased extremely low or negamercial TV stations and has tive margin contracts, and this had reduced forward stakes in France's Le Cinq, Spain's Telecinco and Gerworkload by 25 per cent. There was little sign of susmany's Tele 5, has confirmed that Fininvest, his holding company, will lead a consor-tium bid for the new channel. tained recovery until 1993. Fininvest has linked up

Homes managed sales of 1,189 units, similar to that of 1990. No substantial imwith Mike Bolland, head of Channel X, the independent provement in the market is production company, and former deputy director of programming at Channel 4. expected, but better operating results are forecast because of improved quality and profitability of the land Negotiations continue with other potential partners.

The consortium is propos ing a national channel of high-quality entertainment, provement is not expected. promising to spend several hundred millions of pounds and Mr Odgers has forecast a "difficult year" in 1992. The American business was hit by on programmes at the start to recession, and despite gov-ernment plans to spend more on roads, the current year attract viewers. However, Signor Berlusconi's European channels are known for would be tough. their cheap videotapes of game shows, soaps and softcore pornography.

Philips in profit but cuts continue

IN EINDHOVEN

PHILIPS will make more employees redundant and dispose of further businesses in 1992, despite last year's return to profitability. In 1991, the group undertook one of the most drastic jobcutting programmes ever seen in European industry.

In an attempt to strengthen its precarious financial position, Philips will not pay a dividend for the second year running. The decision has shocked many financial anaysts, who had hoped for at least a token payout.

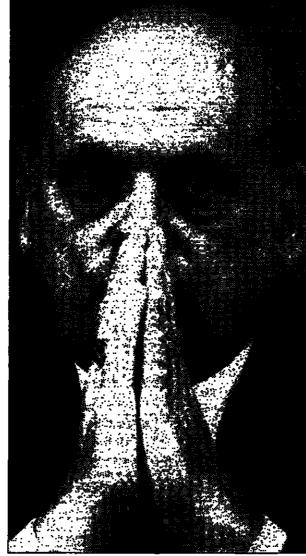
Lower staff costs helped the Dutch consumer electronics group to make a net profit of 1.2 billion guilders (£372 mil-lion) in 1991, compared with a FI 4.24 billion loss in 1990. The results justify cautious optimism about the recovery prospects of Europe's electronics industry, the fortunes of which have turned sour since the Eighties.

Jan Timmer, Philips' president, said he was content with over the past year, but added that Philips was "still far removed" from where it wanted

He promised further divestments, though he said that did not mean whole divisions would close. Despite the fact that 47,400 jobs have been cut since the fourth quarter of 1990, the company gave a warning that "further adjustments to the size of the workforce will be required in organisational units where productivity improvement is lacking".

The depressed state of the world economy could not have come at a worse time for Philips' restructuring programme, codenamed Operation Centurion. Operating income of consumer electronics, the company's largest division, halved to Fl l billion, though other sectors

Mr Timmer told a news conference: "Of course we are disappointed by this. We had not expected a decline of the



kind that we experienced in the consumer electronics industry." The company also said that "the economic outlook in a number of countries where Philips conducts a significant part of its business is not favourable". Economic revival in those countries could probably not be expected this year. Against that background, "only a limited increase in sales and net income" could be expected.

The financial weakening of the consumer electronics business comes at a time of heavy investments in new

technologies, including highdefinition and flat-screen television and the digital

The return to profitability of the components and semiconductor business is important, since Philips is not only Europe's largest company in the field but the only European representative among the world's leading ten com-

Mr Timmer predicted that the software side of the business might contribute between 25 and 30 per cent of

Allied sells drinks **business** in Spain

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ALLIED-LYONS is contin-uing the restructuring of its Hiram Walker Group drinks business with the sale of its Spanish brandy and distribution interests in Spain to Pedro Domecq for £50 mil-lion in cash and shares.

The group says the agree ment is consistent with Hi-ram Walker's strategy of focusing on premium international brands while increasing its ownership of strong local companies that are the key to successful distribution of its brands in national markets.

Hiram Walker's Spanish brandy interests have trad-itionally been priced at the lower end of the market. The main brand is Centenario. Domecq has distributed Hiram Walker brands, includ ing Ballantine's whisky. Courvoisier cognac, Beefeater gin and Kahlua, in Spain and Mexico for many years.

Allied receives around £25 million in cash and the rest in shares. After the deal, which is due for completion on March 3, Hiram Walker will directly own 5.66 per cent of Domecq as well as half of the per cent of Domecq held by Hiram Walker Europa, a Spanish joint venture with the Mora-Figueroa family, taking its share of the Spanish business to just over 32 per cent. Domecq is a private Spanish company in the spirits and wine industry with a turnover of 145 billion pese-tas (£800 million) and pre-tax profits of £71 million. Last year, the business sold 21 million cases. It is the market

leader in Mexico.

Tony Hales, chief executive of Allied Lyons, said: "This agreement cements a very important strategic alliance with a company that features strongly in Hiram Walker's plans for the development of its Latin American markets while, at the same time allowing management to concentrate on the development of Hiram Walker's premium brand portfolio in key world-wide markets." Allied's shares rose 7p to 640p.

BUSINESS HOUNDUP

Lloyd's panel will investigate losses

LLOYD'S is setting up a review panel to investigate the £92 million losses of two syndicates, managed by Devonshire Underwriting Agencies, that were hit by losses from the LMX reinsurance spiral. The scope of the panel includes the 1099 and 1000 wears of syndicates 216 and 833. The panel 1989 and 1990 years of syndicates 216 and 833. The panel is headed by Anthony Blake, a partner at Neville Russell, the accountant, and includes one active and one retired

This three-man team will report to the Council of Lloyd's. It has no power to investigate alleged illegality or misconduct. Trevor James, the chairman of the Devonshire Names Action Group, said there was some disappointment that Lloyd's had not appointed an independent lawyer to House of glass, page 21

Skipton dives 60%

THE Skipton Building Society's pre-tax profits slumped by 60 per cent last year from £32.1 million to £11.5 million after it made £23 million of provisions for bad debt. Over 60 per cent of the provisions were for commercial loans for small hotels and licensed premises made before 1990. The society now restricts this type of lending to professional offices. The society's assets grew by 22 per cent to £2.7 billion during the year and it lent £573 million. John Goodfellow, chief executive, said: "During a recession, the results may be regarded as quite acceptable."

Bellwinch cuts loss

BELLWINCH, the south of England housebuilder, reduced pre-tax losses from last time's provision-laden £13.6 million to £385,000 in the six months to end-December. Turnover declined to £6.01 million, against £8.82 million last time. Interest charges were £500,000 (£1.77 million) and the company said the financial reconstruction completed in January will "greatly reduce" interest costs in the second half. Gearing now stands at 33 per cent. The loss per share is 1.2p, compared with a deficit of 38.3p per share last time. Once again there is no interim dividend.

Trusts raise payouts

FOREIGN & Colonial, the world's largest investment trust, lifted its dividend by 10 per cent to 3.19p for 1991. The second interim payout was 2.12p [1.9p]. The trust achieved a 6.6 per cent net asset outperformance of the FT all-share index. Net assets per share at the year end were 184.5p.

Murray International Trust said that it had achieved a 270 per cent pour last way compared with 20.8 per cent

27.9 per cent return last year, compared with 20.8 per cent for the FT all-share index. A final 3.4p (3.36p) dividend makes a total of 10.9p (10.2p) for the year. The company also announced a 1992 interim dividend of 7.9p. Pensions probe urged

THE Institute of Actuaries has called for a government inquiry into safeguarding occupational pension funds. Revelations about losses from the Mirror Group pension funds show that an inquiry is needed urgently before the law can be changed, the institute says. Under present law, actuaries must be appointed for any schemes contracted out of the state earnings-related pension scheme. The institute suggests actuaries could check schemes to ensure that investments are likely to produce the returns necessary to

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British Gas likely to peg domestic prices

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

of the Panel of th BRITISH Gas is set to freeze or reduce charges to domestic 212 211200 de la company customers this year after recording pre-tax, historic cost profits of £1.71 billion in the year to December 31.

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Robert Evans, the chairman, said he did not "see there being any changes in domestic tariffs from April 1. Sir James McKinnon, the gas industry regulator, predicted a fall in household bills of up to 2 per cent.

The stabilisation of domestic tariffs will reflect the effect of a new price formula that greatly tightens the controls on British Gas.

Henceforth, the group faces a new level of regulation and competition in much of its core business of gas supply

Backed by a report from the Office of Fair Trading and the threat of a reference to the monopolies commission, Sir James has won agreement by British Gas to reduce its share of the firm industrial market to 40 per cent. Last year, on average, competitors accounted for just 5 per cent of the market, Mr Evans said.

By yesterday, their share was 30 per cent. The changes in competition and regulation combine with an alteration in British Gas's year end from March to December to make any evaluation of the company's financial progress in 1991 difficult

The difficulty is compounded by the inclusion of the first set of full year results from Consumers Gas, the Canadian supply business.

Mr Evans said it was impossible to split out comparable figures for the year to end-December 1990. However, British Gas had had a good year, he said. "The financial results for 1991 are encouraging when viewed against the recession and the impact of increasing competition." The board said it would

have recommended a notional dividend of 13.4p, against 12.5p in the year to end-March 1991, had it not shortened this year. In practice, the company is paying a final dividend of 6p, bringing the total for the nine months to December to 10.25p. Sales, at £10.5 billion, ben-

efited from the inclusion of the Consumers' business. But there was also remarkably strong growth in the British supply business. UK gas supply turnover increased 6 per cent to £8.42 billion. Tariff gas sales volume rose by 5.5 per cent, and there was a small rise in the price of gas.

Although the weather was colder last year than in 1990, it remained a little milder than "normal", costing British Gast \$40 million in lost profit. Corrected for temperature variations, the company said underlying growth was almost 3 per cent.

The number of UK supply employees fell by 1,400, to 74,000, as British Gas began to separate its transmission business and improve efficient

ency under pressure from the egulator. Exploration and production activities are planned to take over as the engine of growth as pressures grow on UK gas supply. British Gas has just begun its first oil production in a Russian joint enture, and has agreed to

develop a Tunisian gas field.



Encouraged: Robert Evans said results were good in view of the recession

DTI report censures the Stock Exchange

By George Sivell

DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry inspectors have said the Stock Exchange can "justifiably be criticised" for approving a November 1988 circular from BOM, an oil and gas company that went

into liquidation in 1990. The inspectors say that "in approving a circular in which inadequate disclosure had been made, the conduct of the Stock Exchange fell below the standard expected of it in carrying out its function of

protecting investors". They point out that the BOM circular, detailing a £15.7 million rights issue. was approved by a young employee who had recently

graduated from university. We are surprised at the degree of responsibility placed on such junior staff," the inspectors say.

The cash call prompted comment in the national press, which resulted in the Stock Exchange re-examining the case. The inspectors said: "Once the inadequacy of disdosure in BOM's circular had been drawn to its attention, the Stock Exchange act-

ed properly."

The inspectors say the failure by the Exchange to identify inadequacies in the draft circular extinguished any ing as a listed company.

Nadir court move fails

ASIL Nadir, former chairman of Polly Peck International, yesterday failed to halt moves by leading creditors to have him jailed for allegedly breaking a court undertaking. It is claimed that he secretly sold shares in the Turkish bank Impex worth more than £16 million.

The Inland Revenue and eight banks and stockbrokers claim that Mr Nadir, who

also faces criminal charges of theft and false accounting in-volving up to £200 million. arranged the sale, in Decem-ber 1990, in breach of a court promise given a month earlier not to dispose of his assets Mr Justice Knox pointed

out that another judge had already decided against Mr Nadir and the matter could not be reopened. Mr Nadir was given leave to appeal.

Williams could bid for Chubb

By MARTIN WALLER

WILLIAMS Holdings, the diversified conglomerate, on unveiling results for 1991 hinted that it might bid for Chubb, the Racal Electronics

-demerged. The company has a 10 per cent stake in Racal Electronics, after the failure of a hostile bid last year, but says it would be "commercially imprudent" to sell the shares now "in the light of commitments made by Racal man-agement with regard to performance improvements

and the demerger of Chubb".
The remarks prompted suggestions that Williams may attempt to use the holding to buy Chubb.

Williams, one of the first in the conglomerates and industrial materials sector to report 1991 figures, said pre-tax £168.3 million. Much of the rise came from a ten-month contribution from Yale & Valor, the locks business

bought for shares last year. Earnings per share were up 1p at 22.8p. A final dividend of 7.35p makes 12.35p (12p). The shares fell 12p to 313p.

Courtaulds **Textiles** rises 4.7%

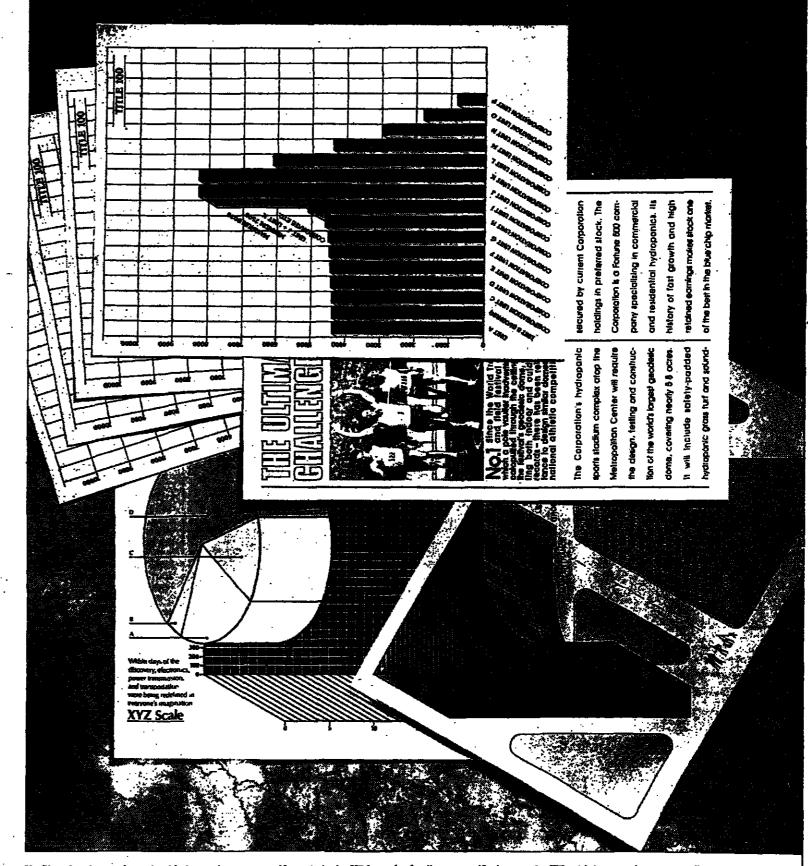
By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

COURTAULDS Textiles, demerged from Courtaulds in 1990, has produced its second year of pre-tax profit growth. The group has taken decisive action during the recession to cut costs, which has led to the loss of 5,600

Courtaulds Textiles increased pre-tax profits by 4.7 per cent to £42.2 million in 1991, although operating profits were static at £53 million. There was an increased exceptional charge of £4.7 million, up from £1.3 million, for the costs of rationalising the business. Turnover fell from £984 million to £922 million and earnings per share rose from 30.9p to 31.1p. The final dividend is 8.8p. which makes 13p for the year, an

increase of 5.7 per cent. from £74.6 million to £35.6 million, giving gearing of 14.1 per cent. The main reason for the large fall in borrowings was the group's strong cash flow during 1991. The interest charge subsequently fell by 47 per cent to £6.3 million. There was an extraordinary charge of £13.6 million.

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Members ousted in SE revolution

By Graham Searjeant, Financial editor

FROM the end of next month, nobody will be able to be a member of the London Stock Exchange, completing a six-year revolution that has reversed 200 years of tradition. Instead, a professional body is being set up with a wider range of potential membership.
Until the Eighties, the ex-

change was formed essentially of individual British members and partnerships with unlimited liability. As part of the 1986 Big Bang changes, corporations from round the world joined and individual members world. individual members voted away their ownership and

Finally, the newcomers have decided, via a vote of the exchange's board, to eject the remaining 5.190 individual members. Instead, they will be offered membership, at a modest £100 a year, of the Securities Institute, a new professional body initially sponsored by the exchange and by the Securities

and Futures Authority, the securities houses regulator. The institute, which is sending its prospectus to individual SE members, member firms and others this weekend, is to be chaired by Graham Ross Russell, former deputy chairman of the exchange. The plan is to make it a professional body like accountancy institutes,

with professional standards

and disciplinary machinery.

The former professional come the institute's own. It will also run the basic competence examinations necessary for employees of securities firms to be reg-istered under the Financial

Once the institute builds its membership by the open offer to SE members and experienced practitioners, professional examination will become its entry qualification. It hopes members will be attracted from corporate finance and fund management. Institute membership will not be compulsory but it is hoped the institute will have sufficient status to attract experienced practitio-

ners.

The exchange board approved in principle improved disclosure of big trades on Seaq International, its system for institutional trading of international shares.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

ELECO HOLDINGS (Int) Pre-tax: £1.16m (£2.24m) EPS: 2.6p (4.9p) Div: 2.3p (2.3p) GRAFTON GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £3.55m (£5.18m) EPS: 17.1p (22.9p) Div: 3.75p, mkg 6.25p

WHINNEY MACKAY EPS: 0.7p (1.3p) Div: Nil (0.75p) SCOTTISH INV. TRUST Pre-tax: £2.92m (£3.7m)-EPS: N/A NAV: 206.8p (206.2p)

GREEN PROPERTY (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.7m (£1.47m)

Turnover fell to £26.4m (£29.6m). Extraordinary debit of £435,000. Further progress is expected in medium-term debt reduction.

All figures are in Irish currency. Last time's total dividend was 6p. Interest payments were 21,29m (£564,000), with gearing at 31%. interim results. Last time's profit was £167,000. The company said increased competitive pressures will affect volumes and margins. Results are for three months to end-January. Gross investement Income slipped to £5.1m (£5.72m)

in the first quarter. All figures are in Irish currency. Last time's total dividend was 3.5p. Net asset value was 201p (214p) per ordinary share.

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Midland defies the most pessimistic forecasters

FROM any objective stand-point, Midland Bank's 1991 results were awful. Pre-tax profits of £36 million represented a return of only 1.5 per cent on shareholders' nds. Even the measly 1.7p final dividend, down 84 per cent from two years ago. helped to create a heavy drain on reserves for the third year in a row

The bank's £903 million bad debt provision, up 28 per cent, equals 3.75 per cent of its non-mortgage book. If continued at that level, the ank would run into severe financial problems by the middle of the decade.

But the City ceased viewing Midland objectively long ago. Investors were so de-lighted that the bank had no nasty surprises, and for once performed better than pessimistic forecasts, that the shares leaped 21 p to 260p.

Analysts had been expecting the bank to make a loss of up to £80 million and be forced to abandon its dividend entirely. They had over-looked the possibility that Midland would not repeat its general provisions (£59 million in the first half) or that bad debt provisions might

The figures also demonstrated the bank's robust-ness. Midland has been through the worst recession in living memory and emerged with strong capital ratios and record trading profits, thanks to intelligent loan management and intensive cost-cutting.

In the past year, Midland has shed 9 per cent of staff. The effect of the reorganisation is an £11 million fall in costs to £2.38 billion. The bank must continue this work since its ratio of cost to high, and must achieve it without causing any damage to the quality of its service, but the frend is encouraging.

With a lower cost base Midland has the potential to roduce more than £800 million a year once bad debts fall to acceptable levels. Unfortunately it is unlikely to achieve that until the mid-Nineties.

Even so, £200 million is possible this year, mostly tax free due to the bank's accumulated losses and unrelieved advance corporation tax, implying a p/e ratio of



Disappointed: Richard Gamble, chief executive

16. The shares remain an attractive, highly leveraged, recovery play.

Royal Insurance

IT TOOK nearly a century and a half for Royal Insurance, one of Britain's senior composite insurance groups, to make a loss, in 1990. Yesterday, the com-pany announced its second pre-tax deficit, this time even more spectacular at £373 million, and accompanied by the unexpected cutting of the

final dividend, leaving the full-year payout at 11.25p.
Richard Gamble, chief-executive, said the results were "very disappointing".
The damage has been done by losses on domestic mortage indemnity (DMI) upgage indemnity (DMI) un-derwriting dating back to the property boom of the eightes. Losses on this class of business totalled £257 million in the year, although this figure was inflated by about El60 million because of an accounting change announced with the ninemonth figures. With recent government

relief measures, it is difficult to predict how many more DMI claims will flow through the system before the housing market recovers. Royal estimates a further £150 million to £200 million of losses in 1992 and 1993.

Even without DMI there is enough bad news to justify the 36p slump in the share price yesterday. Losses from the estate agency business continue at an annual rate of about £20 million and theft related household and busi-

ness claims are up sharply.

The group did itself no favours by refusing to expand to analysts on its statement that the decision not to pay a final dividend "reflects the need to improve the solvency margin until the benefit of ... profit improve-ment measures we are taking flows through." As most analysts are forecasting a loss for 1992, the comment was interpreted by many at the probable further cut in the dividend total from last vear's reduced level.

Market forecasts cover a massive range from a £150 million loss to a £25 million profit. Recovery prospects still look fragile and exposed to a major domestic weather loss, of which 1991 was unusually free.

Williams

WILLIAMS Holdings suffered a dent to its corporate machismo before Christmas when its £700 million hostile bid for Racal Electronics failed and another this year when the Financial Reporting Review Panel delivered a

accounting methods.
Williams has duly fallen in line with the panel over exceptional losses, although a decision in the latest fullyear figures to take the loss on a remaining stake in Racal below the line has raised eyebrows.

Analysts, however, were more concerned at a cautious trading statement from Williams, signposting no evidence of upturn in any of the group's markets; gloomy news indeed, as these include a wide range of in-dustries in Britain, mainland Europe and America. The mark down this year's profits forecasts.

Williams's pre-tax profits rose to £168.3 million in 1991, up from £118.3 million and including a £40.6 million first-time contribution at the trading level from Yale and Valor. Debt was substantially lower than ex-pected because of tighter control on working capital, leaving gearing at a year-end 46 per cent, but a mere 3 per cent dividend increase was taken to signal further flat earnings per share this year. Robert Gibson, at Robert

Fleming Securities, has cut his estimate by £7.5 million to £182.5 million pre-tax, putting the shares on a forward multiple of 13.7. Williams is a straight economy play, in that any progress will come only with a recovery, so the decision to buy now later must depend on the individual investor's view on the economy.

North Sea prices fall again

output in January fell for the third month in succession because of the weakness of world oil prices, according to the Royal Bank of Scotland's oil index published yesterday. Production remained high

at more than two million barrels a day but earnings fell and the short-term outlook for prices was poor. Opec's leading oil producers have failed to reach an agreement to cure oversupply.

Jo Armstrong, the bank's energy economist, said: "The recent Opec talks were billed as the key to steadying, and perhaps raising, oil prices to around the \$21 per barrel level. But the market believes the new production ceiling set by Opec will be breached by probably all members."

BPB new chief BPB Industries, the plasterboard manufacturer, has moved to separate the role of chairman and chief executive

by appointing John Maxwell, chief executive of Provincial Group, as chief executive designate and finance director from April 1.

Fisher recruits

Albert Fisher, the high flying stock of the late Eighties, is making new appointments to the board after a slump in the share price and City fears about its long-term potential. The fresh fruit and vegetable distributor has appointed Tim Howden, managing director of Ranks Hovis McDougall, as group chief executive Europe. The shares rose 3p to 65p. They have fallen from a high of 133p 12

ABP buys 49%

months ago.

Associated British Ports Holdings has agreed to buy a 49 per cent stake in Tilbury Container Services for £5.5 million, from P&O Containers, a subsidiary of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

Isotron interim

Isotron, the irradiation service group, is raising its interim dividend to 1.37p per share (1.25p) despite a small decline in first half profits. Pre-tax profits were £1.28 million (£1.42 million) in the six months to end-December. Earnings per share were 6.9p (7.5p). The shares firmed 6p to 214p.

Kleen-e-ze loss

Pre-tax losses at Kleen-e-ze Holdings, the direct marketing group, fell to £1.14 million in the year to end-August (£4.28 million loss). The loss per share is 16.73p (58.82p deficit). Again no dividend is

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Investors focus on rates and Budget

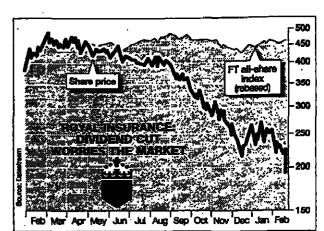
SHARE prices held up well despite another steady stream of gloomy economic and corporate news, with share losses kept to a minimum. Investors pinned their hopes instead on an imminent cut in interest rates, or the likely benefits from next month's Budget. By the close of trading, 606 million shares had changed hands with the business generated by a long list of trading statements from big companies. Underlying business remained thin, with investors finding little to cheer about.

The FT-SE 100 index fluotuated in narrow limits for much of the day, replacing an early 7-point lead with a fall of almost 10 points. The index eventually closed 3 points lower at 2,562. Government securities made the most of the firmer bond prices in America, finishing with gains of £10 at the longer end as the remaining supplies of the tap stock Treasury 12 per cent 2009 were exhausted.

Dealers reported some support yesterday for the big investors in BSkyB, the satellite broadcasting operation, where News International, which owns The Times, has a half share. Analysts are mak-ing their first visit to the Isleworth studios, in south-west London, since the merger of Sky and BSB. The City hopes the news will be encouraging. The big shareholders include Pearson, up 6p at 813p, Granada, 4p better at 242p, and Reed International, 2p firmer at

BTR suffered a late fall, ending 15p cheaper at 394p, as worries about the group's Australian operations resur-

The Americans were sellers of Glazzo, down 20p at 774p. There were few fireworks



from ICI, the price down 23p to £12.84, with the full-year figures much in line with market expectations.

British Airways dropped 11p to 265p after terminat ing merger talks with KLM, the Dutch airline.

The full-year figures from Royal Insurance sent a shudder through the market, with the group reporting sharply

British Aerospace advanced 12p to 308p as analysts began to report on their two-day tour of the group's operations. okers are now viewing the group as a long-term recovery situation, supported by substantial asset backing, much of which could be disposed of at some stage.

its final dividend. The pre-tax deficit grew from £187 mil-lion to £373 million, with the group blaming the sharp rise in house repossessions. The share price tumbled 36p to

Commercial Union, which raised its dividend on Wednesday, eased 8p to 458p and there were also falls for General Accident, 10p to 426p,

WORLD WARKETS ! 44 ...

Guardian Royal Exchange, 9p to 110p, and Sun Alli-ance, 13p to 271p. BAT In-dustries, which owns Eagle Star, fell 11p to 649p.

Midland Bank gave the City a pleasant surprise with better than expected full-year results. The shares responded with a rise of 21p to 260p. But the other banks suffered as investors began switching. Bardays, which weighed in with gloomy figures on Wednesday, fell a further 6p to 368p, while Lloyds shed 7p to 405p and National Westminster was 4p lower at 308p. SG Warburg, which issued a profits warning this week, started recovering, ris-

ing 18p to 556p.
Full-year figures from British Gas were given a lukewarm reception. The shares clawed back an early markdown to finish unchanged at 258p. Cautious comments clouded an otherwise robust profit performance from Williams Holdings. The price fell 12p to 313p. Overnight buying on Wall Street lifted WPP, the debt-laden adver-

tising agency, 20p to 100p.

Medeva, the fast-growing pharmaceuticals group, added another 12p to 288p.

MICHAEL CLARK

Hong Kong soars 100 points

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

SHARE prices rose sharply despite the American Senate's decision to renew, with tough conditions, China's most-favoured nation trade status on Wednesday. The Hang Seng index surged 100.42 points or 2.09 per cent, to a record 4,895.13 on heavy turnover of nearly HK\$3.8 billion (£281 million), compared with Wednesday's HK\$2.82 billion.

The financial community was optimistic that President Bush would defeat the Senate status on condition that China meets human rights, trade and arms-sales requirements.

China the status with no strings attached. The Senate vote, at 59-39, lacks the twothird majority to override any veto by the president. MFN status, which is renewed annually, allows Chinese goods to enter at minimum tariffs.

This is vital to Hong Kong

Mr Bush has vowed to give

because it serves as a transi centre for about 70 per cent of China's exports to America.

□ New York — Blue chips recovered from slim opening losses to make a mild gain in morning trading. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 2.68 to 3,286 after easing to

☐ Tokyo slightly weaker after aimless meandering. The Nikkei index was down 31.07 points at

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per share (p)	·· 21.6	21.5
Dividend (p)	13.4*	12.5
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Expenditure (£m)	1801	1194

* The actual dividend for the 9 months ended 31 December 1991 is 10.25p following the change in the Company's year end. 13.40 is the notional dividend for the 12 months ended



Glaxo defends prices as Denmark complains

GIAXO, the pharmaceuti-cals group, has defended its drug prices after Danish officials said they would ask the European Commission to look into whether the British firm was overcharging and abusing a dominant market position.

"We believe our products are of significant therapeutic benefit over the currently available medicines," a Glaxo spokesman said. "Our pricing policies reflect the value that our products provide to patients and to society, as well as the costs of research and development." Glaxo estimates that it will spend £600 million on research and development in the current financial year.

Denmark's Office of Fair Trading said on Wednesday three new medicines for asthyears at what it felt were

Glaxo's anti-migraine drug Imigran sells in Denmark at Kr807.10 (£72) for six pills, and the health minister has said that, if widely used, it would absorb a large part of the state health scheme's medicine budget. (Reuter)

Macro 4 boosts payout

im dividend by 34 per cent to 5.14p after announcing pretax profits for the six months to December 31 of £3.83 million, compared with £3.37 million last time.

Terry Kelly, chairman, said cash balances had grown during the half year by £1.8 million to £13.1 million, and

MACRO 4, a computer soft-ware group, boosted its inter-in the second half. The full grow at a similar rate to the 13.7 per cent achieved in the

> tory against a background of continued trading difficulties, he added. The shares gained 10p to

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S ir Denys Henderson had two contrasting tales to tell yesterday. The first was that the group's restructuring and repositioning. restructuring and repositioning programme is on track to save £400 million of costs, simplify the business and move out of no-growth areas. The second, less appetising, was that there is virtually no sign of any improvement in the dimate for mainstream bulk and speciality chemicals and that there is nothing to suggest that recovery here will be anything but late and slow. With sales now spread round the world, ICI is no longer much of a

beliwether of the British economy, but offers a glimpse of prospects for industrial countries as a whole that is discouraging.

Underlying growth in the pharmaceutical business, plus the momentum of cost savings, should push ICI's pre-tax profits comfortably back above f1 billion this year without much recovery above £1 billion this year without much recovery elsewhere. Any proof of the group's boast that it is in a ifferent, leaner and more growth-oriented shape is now likely to have to wait until 1993 and beyond. Until profits are up to £1.5 billion, the arguments over the group will therefore continue to rage. So far, it is evident that there are no sacred cows, not even capital spending. Manufacture of advanced materials has virtually been stopped to stem losses from one supposed high-growth sector, but another small area, the manufacture of Quorn, is being backed with a £37 million factory expansion. Repositioning is therefore not a one-way street. Factories are being closed in Brazil but opened in Japan. Successful businesses such as paint, where ICI is the world leader, are being built up by acquisition. Plastics, fibres and further bulk chemical business could go altogether. ICI has also realised that it is not necessarily big enough to go it alone in new developments, though partnerships have so far been mostly on a modest scale. The desultory search for a pharmaceutical alliance does

not seem to have progressed far. Much of the fat identified by Lord Hanson and others is being cut away, but the imbalance of the group remains. In 1991, the two bioscience divisions accounted for two thirds of trading profits, though that will fall when the chemical cycle recovers. Ironically, the predominance of pharmaceuticals is now recognised in ICI's investment rating. Its shares sell at 17 times historic earnings, fair enough considering the recovery potential in other parts of the group. The dividend yield of 5.7 per cent tells another story. When recovery is complete, the old questions about the group's

Absent trends

o news is good news for Britain's trade figures, Treasury ministers will feel. The switch away from Customs-based figures for trade between Britain and other EC countries from the beginning of next year will leave a gap of at least six months in the most sensitive area of payments deficit. Even when enhanced VAT returns take over, full trade figures may well be late since, even after planned changes, monthly VAT returns will still only be required from the biggest payers. Transitional overlapping systems were rejected in Britain as an undue burden on business. This fits in nicely with the government's desire to downgrade trade figures and an old Whitehall desire to issue only quarterly figures.

The balance of payments remains an important indicator of the economy. As yesterday's poor January returns show, trade is in a poor state for the bottom of a recession. If the deficit is so big now, recovery will lead either to a quick upturn in inflation or export of jobs on a massive scale.

Stone-throwers are taking aim inside Lloyd's house of glass

Three years of severe losses at Lloyd's have

brought on anguish

and set name against name. Jonathan Prynn reports on the fallout

f any group of people is held in lower esteem than the press by the Lloyd's of London establishment, it is politicians. Three times in the past year, the entry of the market into the political arena has unleashed a wave of unwelcome tabloid, television and radio interest in a story that does not normally emerge beyond the specialist busi-

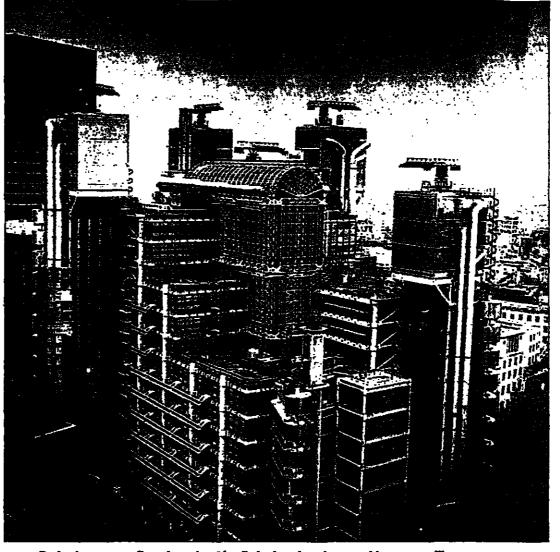
ness pages.
The first occasion was in March last year when John Redwood, the corporate affairs minister, disclosed that the Serious Fraud Office was considering an enquiry into Lloyd's. Three months later there was a political storm over lobbying by a group of names, who also happened to be Conservative MPs, for tax breaks for the market. The latest parliamentary onslaught, and by far the most serious, bringing criticism of Lloyd's for its management and market practices from both sides of the Commons, centres on claims of widespread malpractice amounting to "structural rottenness".

Few, if any, of the allegations made in the House of Commons, and widely reported in the media over the past two weeks, are new. More than a dozen action groups of devastated names ready to organise and pursue legal actions have been banging the same drum since 1990. Many are extremely well organised, producing a stream of statistical data to back up their allegations that Lloyd's is effectively rigged against the outside names in favour of the insiders. Taking the grievances to parliament was no more than the next logical lobbying step, particularly as some 60 MPs are themselves names, many suffering substantial personal losses.

Using the information compiled by the names, the MPs, led by Paul Marland, the member for Gloucestershire West, tabled a list of 13 hostile questions that amount to a dossier of incompetence, complacency and malpractice.

Not surprisingly, though perhaps belatedly. Lloyd's has finally engaged in a little homework of its own to produce counter statistics to defuse some of the more serious allegations made in the Mariand document. The responses, compiled in a bulky handout that Lloyd's is to circulate widely in the market, were presented to a deputation of action group heads and MPs at a meeting with David Coleridge, Lloyd's chairman, earlier this week.

The thrust of the allegations is that insiders, names who work at Lloyd's as underwriters, agents, brokers or back-up staff, have enjoyed preferential access to the most profitable syndicates, while the vast majority of names, those who do not work at Lloyd's, have been dumped on syndicates known to be of lower



Gathering storm: allegations that Lloyd's is rigged against outside names will not go away

quality and therefore more likely to produce significant losses. Impressive statistical and anecdotal evidence has been produced to support the claim, including a list of profitable syndicates where more than 60 per cent of the underwriting capacity is provided by insiders.

It also provides an analysis of some of the membership of some of the most disastrously loss-making syndicates, claiming to show them stuffed to the gills with hapless outside names. For example, Feltrim 540, which has produced losses in excess of 100 per cent of capacity from 1987 to 1989, and probably in 1990 as well, is shown to have had only 91 working members in 1988 out of a total of 1,457 names.

The now well established names' horror stories of widows and cancer victims who were "persuaded" by agents to join or increase their underwriting on Feltrim, or other syndicates, such as Gooda Walker or Rose Thomson Young, that subsequently went disastrously wrong. In such a charged atmosphere it is unlikely that names will have much

time for Lloyd's response. Nevertheless, there is another side to the story. As Lloyd's points out in its response to the Marland questions, all syndicates attracted vast numbers of new outside names dur-

ing the Seventies and Eighties, as record profits and tax advantages sucked in the new wealth being created during the period. Many of the syndicates most successful in winning support from outside names were the same specialist excess-of-loss reinsurance syndicates that later went on to cause the

names such grief. On paper, these were profitable syndicates that had always earned a good return for their names, although there is evidence to suggest that the profits of earlier years were greatly overstated because of underreserving. They also had the added advantage that they were less exposed to old-year deterioration because of the short-tail nature of the business. In other words, if no major catastrophe occurred in a particular year of account, the syndicate was very likely to be "clean" and the year could therefore be closed.

loyd's also points out that the accounts of the excessof-loss syndicates explained to names the nature of their underwriting. Some insiders at Lloyd's also claim that at least one of the now discredited excess-of-loss underwriters made it very clear to members' agents that the type of underwriting he was involved in meant that it was inevitable that

sooner or later the syndicate would suffer a huge loss. This of course happened when an unprecedented series of catastrophe losses ripped through the market from 1987 on. Lloyd's is attempting to refute the

allegation that insiders creamed off the best business for themselves by excluding outside names from the safest and best-performing syndicates. Lloyd's claims that the figures used in the Marland document are based on "selective data" and that "it is possible on a similarly selective basis to find cases where certain syndicates with good records have a heavier concentration of external names to working names".

Lloyd's points out that in two of the years between 1986 and 1988 "the average return to an external name marginally exceeded the average return to a working name". Between 1985 and 1988, the average annual returns to all working names and all external names were virtually identical at 2.5 per cent and 2.3 per cent respectively. The response also rejects the notion of a "safe" syndicate. "All insurance is a risk business in which losses can be made as well as profits." it claims. adding that "historical performance is no guaranteed indicator of likely future performance".

The response smacks of the pat house-line, and will give no succour to those names who were enticed into Lloyd's by its reputation as well as the rewards, only to find themselves bankrupted three or four

There is little doubt that Lloyd's is to some extent an insider's market, perhaps the last of its kind in the City. The geography of the Lloyd's building alone, with brokers flitting from box to box like bees disseminating the pollen of market gossip, makes this all but inevitable. If you throw in the traditional public school clubbiness of the market, combined with the pitiful ignorance of the majority of names about the conduct of their affairs at Lloyd's. the information imbalance between inside and outside names is guaranteed. Whether that information has been used cynically and systematically to disadvantage the outsiders is another question and the case re-mains to be proved. A hit squad of distinguished public figures, including Sir Patrick Neill, QC, and Sir David Walker, the chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, is now engaged in investigating these claims, and no firm conclusions should be drawn until their

findings are in the public domain.

Mr Marland asks the legitimate question of why Lloyd's allowed so many small investors to join with assets of only £100,000 during the mid-Eighties (increased to £250,000 in 1990). Once again, Lloyd's stock response is wheeled out, including the misleading point that "specifically excluded as an acceptable asset for means purpose is a candidate's principal private residence". A bank guarantee on that residence is acceptable, transferring responsibility for repossession, should it come to that, from Lloyd's to the banking system.

Few people at Lloyd's now deny that it was anything but a terrible mistake to allow such large numbers of small investors to flood into the market during the mid-Eighties. And, as in all financial markets during that period, be they property. securities, or insurance markets, ethical standards took a dive. There is enough anecdotal evidence available to suggest that substantial signing-up fees, paid to financial advisers introducing new and often wholly unsuitable names to Lloyd's became commonplace.

The 13 responses add up to a robust attempt at a rebuttal of some of the charges that have been laid at the door of the market: and Lloyd's obviously feels that, in the light of land taskforce report in January, it has the blueprint for a prosperous future. However, the accusations will not go away. As Alfred Doll-Steinberg, the chairman of one of the leading action groups, said after Mr Coleridge circulated the re-sponses: "Whether insiders or outsiders were favoured is not really relevant. The main issue is the systernic failure at Lloyd's." As cash call follows cash call and

the writs pile up, the vision of dappled sunlit uplands laid out in the Rowland report is in danger of slipping out of view.



Exploring in comfort

A DINNER for 15 institutional fund managers, hosted jointly by County NatWest and BP, in BP Exploration's Queen Victoria Street offices on Wednesday, seems to have unintentionally backfired on the company. BP, in need of City friends after it disappointed the market two weeks ago by producing profit figures at the bottom end of market expectations, was the most talked about stock in influential investment circles yesterday, amid erroneous reports that John Browne, managing director of BP Exploration, left the dinner early to give a presentation to a party of BP managers on a residential training course at the Chewton Glen Hotel, Hampshire. "That is simply not true," says Rick Jones, specialist oils salesman at CNW. "Everyone was on to coffee and liqueurs before he announced his departure at 8.30." The dinner began at 6.30 pm and the last of the guests left the building at 9.30. Disgruntled fund managers, who point to the falling price of oil as well as the recent figures, are privately expressing their surprise at BP's use — said to be almost expensive hotel. "It must be the most expensive hotel in the south of England," says one. A BP spokesman confirms, "We do use it frequently for management meetings, some of which last two or three days, some a couple of Rooms at the Chewton Glen start at £178. with an all-inclusive delegate

rate ranging from £190 to

£230 per day.



"Sorry — we don't insure

HAVING reached the conclusion that Dutch medical expense insurance was no longer a business in which it wished to participate. Commercial Union has managed to offload its entire portfolio - to Nuts Ziektekostenverzekering!

Head for figures JENNIFER Fletcher, the distinguished senior lecturer at the Courtauld Institute, will be surprised to learn that among the audience at her lecture on "Titian and Portraiture" on Tuesday night was Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyd's Bank. Classics scholar Sir Jeremy slipped into the lecture at the Royal Geographical Society several minutes late, but was spotted nevertheless. Indeed some other members of the audience looked surprised to see him there, given that it was midway through the banking sector's catastrophic report-ing season. Sir Jeremy later confessed that it was Lady Morse rather than he who

nurtured a special interest in 16th century Venetian art. He added, however, that he found the lecture interesting and "light relief" after a bank. What Ms Fletcher will make of his comments is not known — Courtauld Institute lecturers are not used to being cast as amusing diversions.

GRAFFITO on a hoarding in Bridgwater. Somerset: "Don't worry about the world ending today — it's already tomorrow in Australia."

Render to Caesar WHILE many City firms

have informed their employees that they will pay their annual bonuses early — before April 6 - in case Labour wins the election and, in accordance with its stated policy, increases the higher rates of tax, Catholics in the Square Mile had better pause for thought before accepting any such gesture. Such tax avoidance is all to the good, but tax evasion will become a sin under a new universal catechism approved by the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic church. A committee of bishops and cardinals that has revised the edicts - a seven-year task involving 24,000 suggestions - says that it will now include "social" sins for the first time. The 400-page catechism will be presented to Pope John Paul II for his imprimatur. The new social sins are

bribery. CAROL LEONARD

grouped under the com-

mandment "Thou shalt not

steal". Besides tax evasion.

they include writing bad

cheques, corruption and

Banks' provisions need scrutiny with handling the funds, and

From Mr Martin Harris lives, of business and private customers without far closer Sir, In the light of the current round of annual figures from controls and a thorough rethe four main banks, is it not view of their accounting protime that their bad debt pro-

visions came under far closer scrutiny from shareholders. customers and the Government? These provisions quite often turn into self-fulfilling prophecies, making it much easier for a bank to shut down a business than to take a more tempered judgement. There is also the banks' concept of viability to be considered; from their results, they are patently not able to make

These are not "bad debt provisions" but bad manage-ment decisions and the banks are in a very privileged pos-ition in being able to offset these against their profits. Halving the allowable provisions for bad debts would concentrate their minds more on providing a service to their customers and acting in the interests of their shareholders. Their current performance begs the question

whether they can be trusted

Sir. The banks bemoan the devastation to their profits due in part to bad lending. The full consequence of "departure from the principles of sound lending" (Busi-

Yours faithfully,

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Newman Lane.

Hampshire.

MARTIN HARRIS.

From Mr G D Wilson

ness News. February 26) noone outside the individual banks is likely to learn. One wonders how much has successfully been passed on to others in the form of dishonoured cheques - vast sums no doubt.

Yours faithfully G D WILSON II Laverock Lane Hove Edge Brighouse West Yorkshire

Job loss recipe From Mr Peter Kidson

Sir, The Charter of Employ ment Rights which the TUC would like to see implemented (Business News, February 18) will undoubtedly improve wages and other working conditions of those employment.

In so doing, it must necessarily also raise the cost of labour to employers. This will in turn oblige businesses to cut back on their use of labour. Firms will respond to the charter by laying off some cutting back if not cancelling any plans they might have to

employ new workers in new iobs in the future. The basic mode of opera-

tion of this so-called Charter of Employment Rights will thus be to throw some people out of work in order to boost the wages of others. For the sake of the common weal, the sooner the TUC drops this project, the better. Yours faithfully.

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BUSINESS LETTERS

short-termism From Mr David Potter

PowerGen's

Sir, Sir Graham Day, chairman of PowerGen, states (Business News, February 21) that his directors are bound by law to act in the interests of the

company and its shareholders, and this apparently means importing more foreign coal. But is this not a short-term view of the interests of the company and its shareholders, let alone its employees? In the longer term, if British Coal is reduced to a rump, not only wil

miners become unemployed but also many of those em-ployed in the myriad of firms supplying goods, services and transport to the industry. The effect will be a decline in the general economy of the country, reduced government income, increased government expenditure, higher tax-ation, a fall in the value of the

pound, an increase in the

sterling price of the imported

coal and even a decline in the

demand for electricity! Surely the shareholders of PowerGen are also "shareholders" in "Great Britain Ltd"? Think again, Sir Graham, and think longer. Yours faithfully. DAVID POTTER, 26 Fentiman Road,

From Mr Alastair MacMillan

Sir, If importing cheap foreign coal will mean that more British coal will be left in the ground for the use of future generations, then it is to be encouraged.

Yours faithfully. ALASTAIR MACMILLAN, Langside Farm, Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire.

DTI's helping hand for small firms

From K.M. Taylor

Sir, Andrew Irvin (February 24) is quite correct in suggesting that small firms should take what he calls pre-emptive action now to save as many firms and jobs as possible. However, it is not true that such advice "tends to be expensive".

The DTI Enterprise Initiative provides small firms (under 200 employees) with from five to 15 days' grantaided consultancy for business planning or marketing (and other disciplines). The

Sir, A very simple test for the

grant aid is at least 50 per cent and can be two thirds for firms in assisted or urban programme areas. It is an excellent scheme and has helped many firms throughout the UK to survive and thrive.

Firms needing help should ring their regional DTI office Yours faithfully. K.M. TAYLOR. Baker Tilly, 2 Bloomsbury St,

Tungsten test From MrD H Walton FCMA

state of the manufacturing sector of the economy would be to ascertain the week on week sale of ceramic and tungsten cutting tips. These small items are used in nearly every part of the industry and because of their high cost are closely controlled and usually purchased on a weekly or

sometimes daily basis. If industry is buying more then they are producing more, if they are buying less then production has fallen. Who needs a big pile of

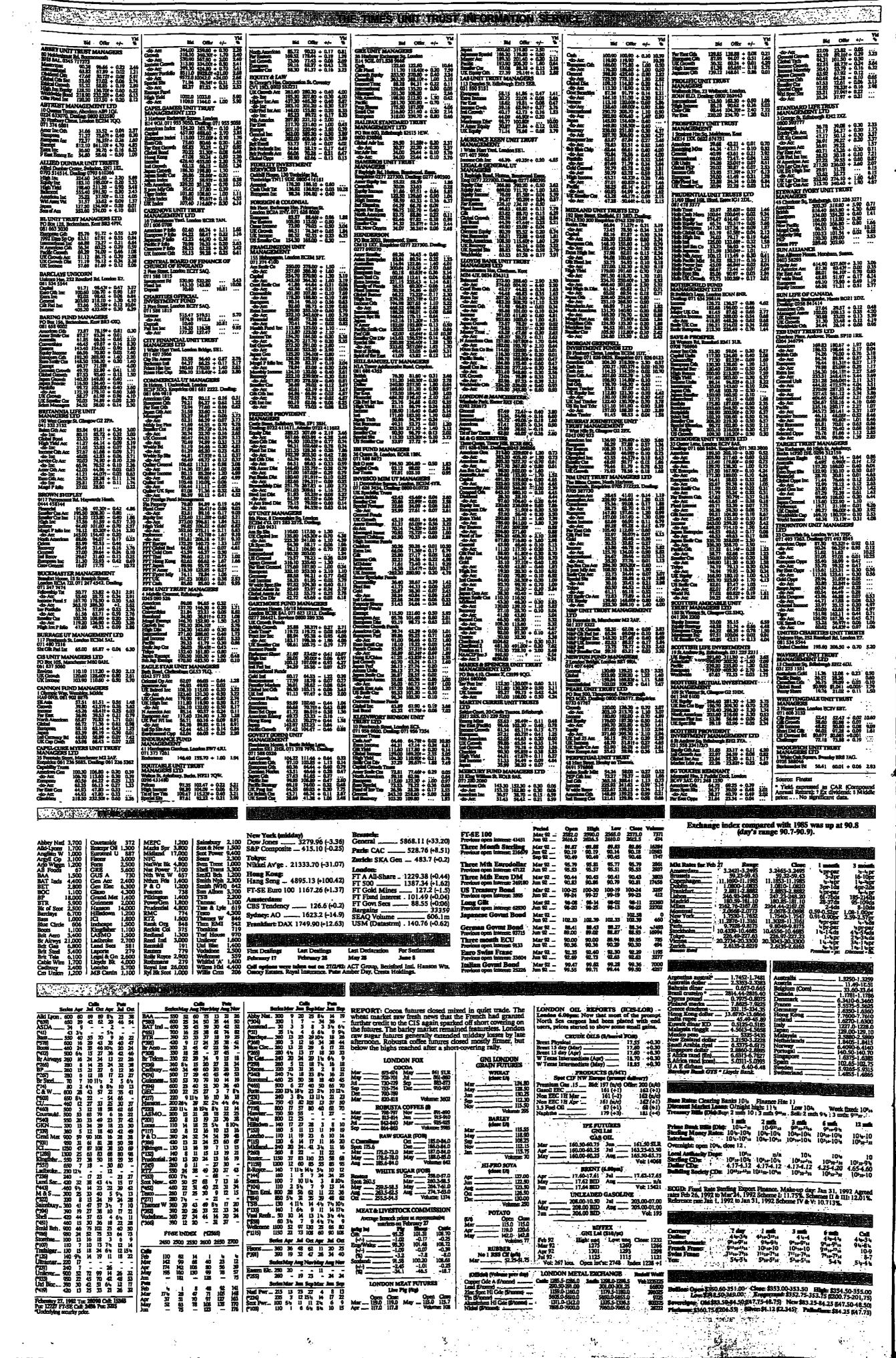
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INFOTECH TIMES

Linking Russia into the telecom world

tions have been made to an antenna of a satellite to provide additional coverage for Moscow and northeastern Russia.

When the secondgeneration satellite operated by the European Telecommunications Satellite organisation (Eutelsat) was ordered in the 1980s, officials believed there was little point in offering coverage over the more easterly parts of the former Soviet Union.

The decision to alter one of the craft's two antennas follows the dramatic political. social and economic upheav-

als of the past year. Now everybody from west-em oil companies to food distribution firms is vying, albeit tentatively, to exploit natural resources, develop new markets and forge joint ventures in the former com-

Whether the schemes bear fruit will depend on many factors. One of the most After the fall of the eastern regimes, communications are to be

in June.

pany had no Russian clients yet. "There are Russian satel-

lites in orbit," she added, "but

these have low power, are a

bit old and are not stable any

more in the sky which

extended, Nick Nuttall writes

important will be the availabilty of reliable and inexpensive voice, data and facsimile communications between the fledgling enter-prises and headquarters in the west, the Far East and the Middle East.

Satellite operators such as Eutelsat believe they are best placed to spearhead these links by encouraging the in-stallation of satellite dishes known as very small aperture terminals (VSATs), that are between 1.8m and 2.4m in

Birgitta Naesland, a senior official at Eutelsat in Paris, said: "Fibre-optic cables are being built, but this takes quite a long time, whereas by using satellites we can increase capacity quickly."

Several companies, many

of which already provide

VSAT services to customers with new operations in central and eastern European. hope to use the new satellite. ellites, a venture by the Orion

Satellite Corporation of Washington DC and partners will offer VSAT coverage across America and into which is due to be launched Lillermor Larsson, the managing director of eastern Europe, although they will fall short of Moscow. VSATEL, one of these companies, said it had about ten customers and 700 dishes in In Britain, the trade and countries such as Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland industry department has given the company the proviincluding Ericsson, the Swedsional go-ahead to link into the public switched telephone ish telecommunications company, and Asea Brown Boveri, the Swiss-Swedish network, which should allow somebody to send data or a fax from a VSAT terminal in, power and electrical engineering group.

Ms Larsson said her com-

ton, Oxfordshire. Andy Lockwood, the busiss development director of BAe Communications and one of the partners in the project, said that the service

ready getting requests from around the globe in anticipation of the satellite launch and the planned launch in the summer of 1994 of two more craft, each of which will have 10,000 circuits. These two mid-Atlantic sat-

also offered the possibility of creating a quick telecommunications network in central say Gdansk, Poland, to a machine in Chipping Norand eastern European towns that have poor local terrestrial

networks by linking together a series of VSATs. Mr Lockwood indicated that a third satellite was also being planned, which, being tend coverage eastwards and. Some of the most ambitious projects involve linking western Europe and the Far

East via fibre-optic cables with the former Soviet bloc. Cable & Wireless plans to build digital networks in two Russian free trade zones at Nakhodka, a sea port near

Vladivostok, and on the island of Sakhalin, about 45 miles north of Hokkaido.

from these two locales to the rest of the world via an Asiasat satellite located at 105.5 degrees east.
In addition, the company is planning to install a fibreoptic undersea cable from

The company intends to

route telecommunications

Nakhodka to South Korea where it will join C&W's main cable network that serves the region. STC Submarine, of Greenwich, southeast London, has won a contract to lay a 1,260km fibre-optic cable through the Baltic from Albertslund in Denmark to

Kingisepp, near St Petersburg, Russia.

The project, which is being co-ordinated by Telecom Denmark and GN Great Nordic, will form the first section of a proposed transsoviet line, a fibre-optic cable system running from east to est across Siberia which

could link into the networks of free trade zones.

Another suggested fibreoptic backbone would run north to south through the Crimea, eventually linking into Italy. According to Roman Panas, of CIT Research in London, there is a huge stumbling block: CoCom, the international high technology trade restrictions organisation.

lthough fast fibre optic cables can be laid to the Russian mainland, CoCom continues to restrict the export of cables for laying on Russian soil to those of 45 megabits a second, available in the US ten years ago.

The Danish cable therefore has to be linked to Moscow via microwave radio. Lesley Hepden, a spokeswoman for STC Submarine Systems. says that trans-Soviet lines when cables of 140 megabits a second are de-restricted.

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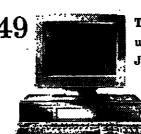
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Taken at your word

A COMPUTER that recognises speken commands has been demonstrated by Apple Computer. The voice activated "Macintosh" was 'able to change the type size of a document, program a video recorder, pay bills, find a name in an electronic telephone directory and call the number.

The machine uses a powerful Motorola processor to recognise between 100 and 300 words and can decipher some continuous speech, as well as one-word commands. It will not be on general sale for several years.

Chips down

FROM November, the world's microcomputer manufacturers are expected to descend on Brazil when a local computer industry and banned the sale of any foreign competitors expires.

The move is likely to be fatal for many small and medium-size Brazilian firms, which simply copied foreign PCs. selling the clones for more than twice the price of the original models.

Safer crossing

THE Puffin — Pedestrian User Friendly Intelligent — Crossing will be in use by the the autumn. It can automatically detect pedestrians on the crossing and prevents the traffic lights from turning green until users have reached the other side, a particular help to elderly and disabled people. If pedestri-ans cross quickly, the time allowed is automatically shortened. Fifty existing crossings on trunk roads wil be converted by the end of next year.

German pirates

GERMANY has been cited as the worst country for software piracy by the Business Software Alliance, a group of American companies. They claim that German piracy cost the industry a billion pounds in 1990 from lost sales. "Market demand in Germany is being met by illegal software, which is fast achieving a deeper penetration than legitimate products," said Robert Holleyman, BSA's managing di-

Other major software pirates were said to be Italy and

H-P recovers

HEWLETT-Packard surprised Wall Street last week with a 49 per cent rise in quarterly profits that sent shares in the computer and

upwards. Hewlett-Packard reported net income of \$306 million (about £180 million) for the three months ending on January 31, up from \$205

Deaf grammar

DEAF people who use sign language are often at odds with the rules of grammar. When they write, verb tenses may not match, noun phrases may be omitted, and there things that are implied while communicating in sign lan-

To help deaf writers catch their mistakes, a University of Delaware professor is developing a computer program around grammatical errors that appear to be unique among deaf writers.



Falling salary: John Akers, IBM's chairman

Pay slip

THE salary of John Akers IBM's chairman, is likely to drop by a million dollars to \$1.6 million this year after his company's first annual loss, \$2.8 billion for last year. Four other members of IBM's management committee are also likely to see their pay fall by 40 per cent or more.

Future perfect

TALIGENT, a joint venture by Apple and IBM, has named a board of directors who will have the task of developing a new type of system software, based entirely on object-oriented technology, for the next generation of computers.

Loser wins

A FIVE-year banle in Silicon Valley by Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) to be allowed to sell a clone of the popular 386 chip made by Intel which powers most of the personal computers sold at present — has resulted in a victory for AMD.

An arbitrator in the United States decided that Intel had breached a technology sharing agreement with AMD. Though he awarded Intel damages of \$15 million the amount was small compared with AMD's claim for more than \$2 billion. Intel, however, is expected to continue to fight AMD in the courts, particularly when AMD produces the first clone of Intel's more powerful 486 chip.

Big Electronic Brother is listening

he rapid growth in elec-tronic business communications and the falling cost of sophisticated miniaturised electronics components have combined to create a wide range of opportunities for electronic eavesdropping.

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In today's fiercely competitive business environment, sensitive information such as marketing and expansion strategies, customer lists, supplier prices and take-over plans have become valuable commodities.

As a result, commercial espionage is flourishing - forcing it into the modern business ethic as a fact of life. Large national and international companies are increasingly having to defend them-selves against powerful new electronic intelligence-gathering (EIG) technology. Undercover EIG is now expected to become one of the biggest security worries

for the corporate commercial sec-tor during the 1990s.

The fight against EIG is spy-thriller fiction come to life. Surveillance and counter-surveillance professionals are playing techno-logical cat and mouse, which gives a whole new meaning to the idea of information technology.

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Nick Vafiadis is the technical director of the electronic security consultancy Communications Audit, a subsidiary of the Hambro

He has seen a rapid increase in high-tech commercial espionage in Britain during the past decade and predicts: "Things are going to get more aggressive and more

Boardrooms and directors' tele-phones are still bugged, as recent court cases involving high-street stores, including Comet and Direcons, and revelations from Mirror Group Newspapers, have shown. The intelligence-gathering, however, has spread far beyond

Modern methods of eavesdropping

have made spy-thriller fiction reality.

Mick Hurrell reports

this. The cellular telephone is a good example. Telephones have always been a relatively soft target for surveillance. A cellphone is assumed to offer security for sensitive conversations and fax messages because it is cordless and switches radio frequency as it transfers from cell to cell. However, detailed technical information about the networks is available to the public and therefore to anybody who wants to intercept a cellphone call.

An FM scanning receiver tuned to the relevant base station transmission frequency and carried in a car behind the target user would succeed in all but the most signalcongested city-centre locations.

Even there, two computer-con-trolled scanners working with an electronic data decoder could follow cell changes. The target telephone number and serial number are all the intelligence informarion needed.

Even fibre-optic communications can be tapped by carefully stripping the transmission cable and bending it through a critical angle so that it "leaks" some of its

With just 0.2 per cent of the total signal strength tapped in this way it is possible to reconstruct all the information that is passing



down the cable. Concealed radio transmitters for bugging rooms are becoming more sophisticated and more difficult to track down. The latest equipment is small, voice-activated or time switchactivated, and it transmits on a narrow UHF waveband or automatically changes transmission frequency to avoid detection.

Of course, much of the telecommunications equipment in the modern office, including comput-er screens, telephones, telex machines and faxes, can be tapped, or in some cases monitored from outside a building by electronically reconstructing data from the radiation emissions that "leak" from some systems.

Estimating the extent of EIG is impossible, by the very nature of the problem. If an electronic eavesdropping operation is car-ried out professionally, a company will never know that it has been a target. For every discovered espionage attempt, there may be 50 or 100 more that go undetected. Even when such attempts are discovered, they are often not reported for fear of undermining

commercial confidence. All this means a growing workload for the handful of specialist electronics security consul-tants in Britain. None of them



I spy: David Benn, director of a surveillance equipment company. Inset, a "sweeper" searches for hidden bugs openly advertises its services. A tion. Communications lines can be company that suspects that it is electronically tested for the pres-

the target of EIG can at least light fire with fire. The company can employ electronic and other counter defences to minimise the can be shielded and transmitter signals identified. opportunities for unwanted atten-Mr Valiadis says companies

ence of listening devices, calls can be scrambled, computer radiation and deal with it effectively. He says: "It is prudent to survey, on an irregular basis, to determine whether your business operations are susceptible to EIG in all its shapes and forms. There should be a budget and somebody responsible at main board level for ensur-

high profile." By far the most difficult form of espionage to identify or stop involves a disgruntled employee or somebody being headhunted by a rival company who passes on sensitive commercial information either for financial reward or for a promise when they leave.

ing that information security has a

Although a company may suspect that a competitor is somehow getting access to marketing plans or client lists, no information actually disappears. The information is simply duplicated and passed on. The problem can hit even the smallest business.

In their attempts to halt the loss of sensitive information, more and more companies are now, often reluctantly, turning to using elec-tronic surveillance techniques on employees at work who are suspected of leaking information to rivals. This can take the form of telephone or office conversation

eavesdropping.

David Benn is the managing director of Lorraine Electronics, a London-based company that specialises in the design and development of a range of electronic surveillance equipment for sale to companies both in Britain and

Among the company's products are low-power, high-fidelity trans-mitters, which are concealed in such mundane office equipment as desktop calculators, plug adaptors, even fountain pens - all of which can transmit signals over a distance of several hundred tronic surveillance equipment is a subject that often attracts calls for tougher regulation, Mr Benn says such equipment has proved its worth as a successful tool to root

out internal espionage He says: "Professional surveillance technology is now so sophisticated and advanced that if you are targeted, you have not got a hope that they will know what you are up to. The best equipment now is of military quality. They are not for the man in the street to go and

play James Bond with." One of Lorraine Electronics' latest developments takes advan-tage of BT's new digital telephone technology and allows targeted office conversations to be monitored from anywhere in the world.

ignals from a concealed high-security listening device and transmitter are relayed to a micro-processor-driven receiver, built into an ordinary answering machine, which can be located up to 500m from the transmitter.

Outwardly, the answerphone works conventionally, saving and replaying incoming messages However, a coded signal over-rides this function and relays the transmitter's live signal down the telephone line to wherever the surveillance professional is calling from A new version to appear later this year will allow several transmitters to be monitored via the same answerphone unit.

Mr Vafiadis expects the techno-

logical stakes to rise even further as infra-red, laser, digital UHF and satellite transmission equipment becomes more readily available. In a disturbing prediction, he also expects EIG to become much more common across the whole of Europe as the trade barriers come down and competition intensifies.

Teleworking isn't, at least not in Britain

communications manager,

says: "Again and again.

THE BRAVE new world of teleworking, where millions will in the near future be able to work from home connected to the office by computer, fax and telephone has lately come in for much pessimism.

The huge interest among would-be teleworkers means it will not fade, but officebound employees are more eager for it than are their

A report on the subject last claims that for those organisations that allow it, the idea has been a great

SUCCESS. It says that one in eight companies now uses some form of teleworking. The biggest benefit is more productivity, says the survey of 500 organisations by the National Computing Centre and Which Computer Show. The centre found the biggest probiems are loss of personal contact and fears about whether

staff are really working and how to assess them. A survey published last month by Organisation and Technology Research, a re-search firm, concluded that teleworking will not boom as suggested. It predicts only a 5 per cent annual increase in the practice to 1.3 million by 1995 because "the negative effects of teleworking vastly ourweigh the advantages". These include a refusal by

middle management to let

staff work remotely and the

organisations that do not allow teleworking said motivation and management was a problem. But when we asked, Do you know what your staff are doing in the next office at the moment?', few could answer; monitoring can often be

The survey says that employers also do not pay much credence to factors better lifestyle. Mr Murray

'M STILL AT HOME!

says: "Suprisingly, reduced stress and the removal of travelling to work are not recognised by employers as major benefits".

This attitude is in sharp contrast to that prevailing on the other side of the Atlantic. In the US, up to 11 million people are believed to link to their offices via computer from their home for at least part of the week.

There is an emphasis in reports in the US on telecommuting, as the Americans call it, on the amount of petrol and commuter time saved and its contribution Bill Murray, the centre's towards reducing traffic

congestion and pollution problems.

Consequently, teleworking is usually seen not as a full-time pursuit or a reason for rushing off to live in the middle of powhere, but as something employees should do for only part of the week.
In Seattle, for example, it

per cent of employees telecommuted for two days a week, it would reduce traffic sound a lot but would remove the need for a new transit system being planned to deal with the increases

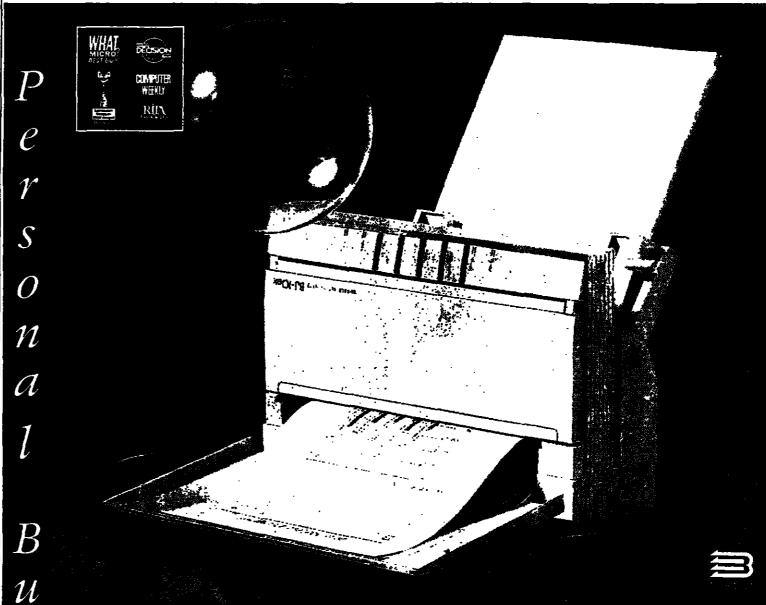
has been calculated that if 15

forecast in traffic. The British outlook may have to change as our own traffic problems get worse. This week the Association of London Authorities said the capital could soon be facing the same sort of

gridlock – traffic jams that spread until whole districts come to a halt — that affects some US cities. Strasbourg has banned traffic from its central business dis-

"I think it will take a long time for our attitudes to change," Mr Murray says. He may be right. When the Civil Service's Information Technology Services Agency started a telecommuting project in November, more than a few eyebrows were raised by a guide it produced. which told employees not to spend all day in pyjamas. sleep too late or watch television all day.

MATTHEW MAY



Digital chip picks up speed

A SUPER-powered computer chip has been shown by Digital Equipment, the world's second biggest computer company, which the company hopes will give it back a technological edge

The new "alpha" chip, to be

world's fastest, should start to appear in computers by the end of the year.

In recent years, Digital's pre-eminence has been challenged by rivals such as Sun Microsystems and Hewlett-

The new alpha chip, Digital's gamble for the future

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made in Scotland and the Packard, which have stolen US, which will be one of the the technological lead with the technological lead with their versions of powerful desktop computers called workstations.

Some industry analysts say the fingernail-size chip could restore the company's computers to the front rank although others say that any financial benefit will take some time. The company reported its first-ever operating loss in its last fiscal quarter.

Ken Olsen, the president of Digital, says the greater pro-cessing power of the chips will allow the broader use of new computing technologies such as artificial intelligence, voice recognition and computeraided design.

The chip is the response to the growing popularity of a technology called reduced instruction set computing risc — which speeds up a processor by limiting the number of commands it must execute.

Using alpha, Digital plans to rework its entire computer line with risc, including the Vax minicomputers that are based on a technology the company introduced in 1977. Alpha is the company's biggest technology leap since

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Ring of confidence despite hard times

Britain has a record number of cellular telephones. The challenge, reports

Peter Purton, is to keep them ringing

past year has been tough for Britain's cellular business, which until recently was so glamorous. Bad debt. recession, rationalisation and consolidation have all hit the industry hard, but there are signs that better times may be just around the corner.

With about 1,240,000 cellular users, Britain still has more mobile telephone owners than any other European country and can also lay claim to the lowest equipment prices and most competitive call

Where sales in other European markets have increased, however, the number of cellular subscribers in the UK has stagnated in the past two years, if not fallen.

The recession, of course, has been partly to blame for the decrease in demand. Many of the industry's best market sectors. such as finance and construction, have been hardest hit by the economic slump. But not all the blame for industry's misfortune can be placed on the economy.

The decline, which started in 1989, followed almost five years of buoyant sales. Early prognoses for the growth of mobile telephone use suggested that there would be as many as 100,000 users by the end of the 1980s. In the event there were 700,000, as sales in some years increased by more than 100

The success was a direct consequence of the government's competition policy, under which more

Tew would deny that the than 70 companies at one time were jostling to sell cellular airtime to new customers.

Many of the companies, however, showed an astonishing lack of caution. Their eagerness to sell was not matched by their business acumen, and they found themselves without the necessary structures to handle the unexpectedly rapid growth. As a result, many suffered crippling debts and the industry acquired a bad reputation for quality of service.

The rationalisation that followed has reduced the number of service providers from more than 70 to about 40, of which the top five handle more than half the

Stafford Taylor, the managing director of BT's cellular service subsidiary Cellnet, says: "We've been through a period of extreme turbulence. But he argues that it may have produced benefits. "Service provision will now be of a higher quality than it has been in the past. The customer is now being served by a small number of well-funded companies."

One of these is Mercury Carphone, part of the Cable & Wireless group, which also in-cludes Mercury Communications, Britain's alternative fixed telephone network operator, and Mercury Personal Communications, one of the three companies licensed to operate the next generation of mobile telephone net-

In recent years, Mercury Carphone has gone out of its way



Stafford Taylor of Cellnet: "Service provision will be of a higher quality than in the past"

to position itself at the quality end of the market as a business-tobusiness service provider, concentrating on corporate rather than private user accounts. But it was not always so.

It had in fact inherited a lot of low-usage subscribers from the days when phones were being given away in order to attract new customers. As Derek Rigg, the

company's director and product group ma. lager, says: "When the recession came, these subscribers were the first to go." Now, he says, it is all about holding on to subscribers for as long as possible. The key, both network operators

and service providers have recog-nised, is quality and added value. Quality means both carefully selected customers and a high standard of service. "We must make customers feel that we can solve any problem quickly." Mr

Rigg says.
In the past, when a customer had a problem, the dealer would tell him to see the service provider, who would tell him to go and see the operator, who would refer him to the other two, he

A typical example of the kind of value being added is Cellner's Callback service. Here messages are stored on a voice messaging system while subscribers are away from their telephones. Once they return, they call the message handling system and retrieve the

From the customer's point of view, it can mean valuable information saved which otherwise may have been lost. For Celinet and its service providers, it means two calls to be charged that otherwise would not have taken

Cellnet estimates that between 12 and 15 per cent of its users now use Callback. Estimating that airtime usage has grown by 10 per cent over the past few months. Mr Taylor says he has plans to announce further value-added services over the next 12 months.

Chris Gent, his counterpart at rival network operator Vodafone, is also cautiously optimistic. "The number of new people joining is better than this time last year." he says, while acknowledging that the level of disconnections remains

The pace of the recovery will improve, most believe, when personal communications networks (PCNs) offering far cheaper mobile phones are introduced over the next few years.

According to Mr Rigg, "the present operators have cash cows and have had no particular reason to push for a mass market. Once we see competition from PCNs, we will see massive growth."

His theory is at least partly confirmed by the operators them-selves. Both Cellnet and Vodafone are preparing micro-cellular net-works, potentially cheaper ver-

sions of their cellular networks being developed to compete head on with PCNs.

"We will have our microcellular services available the day the PCN operators begin to offer theirs, Mr Taylor says. He believes that because operators can package these services much more flexibly. they will open new areas of the market. In particular. Mr Taylor sees the services appealing to domestic users in the ABCI groups, as well as small businesses that have found today's cellular services too expensive.

espite the supposed upturn, many believe that the cellular service sector is likely to face a second round, of consolidations. this time among the larger companies. In two years' time, Mr Rigg says, the top ten cellular service providers may be a top five.

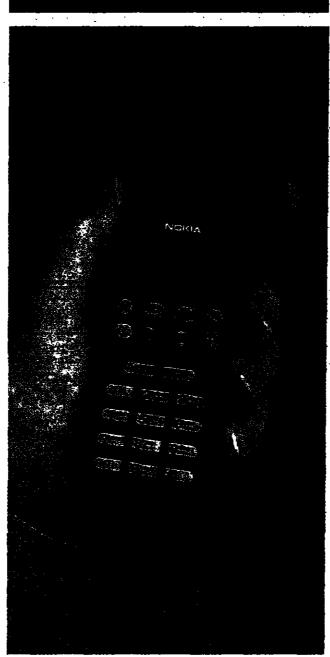
This process may already have started. It is rumoured that Mercury is close to acquiring one service provider, and there is speculation about the future of what was until recently one of Britain's largest service providers, which is reported to have lost 15,000 of its subscribers through bad debt in the past year and is now 23,000 subscribers behind Hutchison Telecommunications. the top service provider.

The current round of consolida-tions may itself be superseded by another round in the mid-1990s, this time on a pan-European level. Hutchison, for example, is already active as a service provider in continental markets. Every day there are fewer cellular companies, both at the operating and service provision level, that have not drawn up plans for a pan-Europe-

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Operators try hard to switch off the grumbles

DESPITE improvements by Vodafone and Cellnet to counter the many complaints about poor lines on mobile phone networks, users say

that blackspots still occur. They are sceptical of the glowing statistics on network quality provided by the service operators: A Consumers' Association survey last April showed that some dissatisfaction still existed among customers of both networks. although Vodafone came out

slightly better. Cellnet implemented a £4 million-a-week investment programme in 1990-1, then followed up with a "network audit" in which every radio-transmitter was checked and retuned. The results have begun to show during the past six months.

The report said that on Cellnet 15 per cent of calls were "dropped" - cut off in mid-conversation - but Cellnet says that now only 3 or 4 per cent of calls are dropped Vodafone claims to do even better, saying that only 2.6 per cent of calls are dropped. compared with the association's survey figure of 8 per

The problem with a mobile phone network is that it relies on radio waves rather than wires, to transmit the call. The network consists of large radio acrials fitted to a high point, such as a tall building, church spire, or a specially built tower.

When a number is dialled on a mobile phone, the call is transmitted to the nearest aerial, which is linked to a telephone wire. The aerial transmits across an area of one kilometre to about 12 kilometres, creating a radio cell. The exact size of the cell depends on the power of the

Each cell has a limited number of channels or lines, which it can allocate to calls. A call cannot get through if The networks say the service is continually

improving

Horton Tower, Dorset: a Vodaphone base station

there are no free channels. If the mobile phone is in a car, it will often drive through sever-al cells and every time it enters a new one, the aerial of the cell it is leaving hands over the call to the new one. Calls can be dropped during the hand-over if no channels in the new cell are spare

The network operators' in vestment programmes have included the installation of more radio aerials, especially in the heavily congested ur-ban areas. This additional capacity has combined with a reduction in the number of new subscribers signing on and fewer calls, leading to better line quality. Last year. the number of subscribers on both networks increased by fewer than 100,000, compared with 290,000 the year Until now, the network

operators have not been able to keep up with the growth, but now they have the opportunity to make improvements in a much slower market. John Skarratt, of the Tele-

communications User's Foundation (TUF), is not convinced that the actual experience of mobile phone users reflects the operators' statistics.

What also affects call quali-ty is that reception on hand portable telephones is not as good as on car phones in some areas because the hand portable telephones send out a weaker signal and can be used only in areas where radio coverage is highly con-centrated. In Leicester and Gloucestershire, coverage for hand portables can be fringy and in the really remote areas, it is likely to remain difficult to make calls even on a car phone.

The cost of installing an aerial in a rural area is about £100,000, which is unlikely to be justified in some places because of the small number of possible subscribers. There are, however, exceptions. Cellnet, for example, has in-

stalled coverage in the Shetland Islands to serve the oil rigs. Fishermen also make use of it. Mr Skarratt believes that an independent testing body is needed. "There has never

been a standard method o monitoring quality of service on these networks," he says. The two network operators collect their statistics by making monitored calls from a car driving around the country. There is a move by the Oftel, the telecommunications monitor, to set up its

a consultancy to undertake it. SARA MACMILLAN

own unit along similar lines. Tenders have been called for

Battle of the airwaves

CELLNET and Vodafone. Britain's two cellular telephone network operators, generate hundreds of mil-lions of pounds from subscribers. But because of the novel way in which the mobile telephone industry has been structured, neither op-erator, knows any of the names and addresses of the people and companies pro-

viding the profits.

Instead of dealing directly with the end users, both network operators have been legally obliged to work through service providers, which in turn operate through local dealers. Although Cellnet and Vodafone have been visible to users, the users have been "hidden"

from the network owners.

The architects of this scheme wanted to introduce strong competition into the market-place to boost subscriber numbers and lower. consumer costs. To that ex-

tent, it worked, and Britain built up Europe's two largest cellular networks in five vears, at the lowest cost to the consumer.

But the system backfired. Keen to recoup their heavy start-up costs, the two network operators decided to pay generous commissions to the service providers to in-crease their subscriber population. Service providers had to pass this on as bonuses to dealers, who in turn could offer inducements to potential customers to

sign up.
For the user, cheap phones often meant onerous service contracts. The low cost of the phone also obscured the true cost of using cellular service. Customers became dis-gruntled and business was

lost. Things worsened with the onset of the recession. and a few dealers began to persuade customers

switch from one service pro-

vider to another simply to earn a second bonus.

Efforts have now been made to improve the business. Cellnet has more than halved its service provider commission for new connections and set up a £500,000 industry training scheme.

In addition, new arrange ments for personal communication networks mean that both Cellnet and Vodafone will now be permitted to sell directly to the public from 1993 onwards.

Although the cowboy ele-ment of the business is clearly in retreat, would-be cellphone users still need to watch out for extra charges and to be careful about the service provider or dealer they choose. In general, the best advice is still to read all the small print of any con-tract and, needless to say,

caveat emptor. JOHN WILLIAMSON

Taking your life in your hands

every day to tell you its members' products are unsafe. That, however, is exactly what the Federation of Commun-ications Services, which repre-sents the cellular radio service providers, did at the Wembley conference centre in September.

The event was all the more remarkable for the lack of evidence provided to support the claim. One journalist asked: "Have you gathered any statistics on accidents involving mobile phones?"

David Savage, the federation

chairman, answered: "No. but we are looking for some." Another journalist asked: "Do you know of anybody who has been hurt in an accident from somebody using a mobile phone?"
Mr Savage told him: "No, but

we want to make people aware of the dangers James Malcolm, the federation's chief executive, admits: "We have had enormous difficulty finding statistical evidence to support our claim, but we know there is a problem and it is important we do

something about it before somebody gets hurt."

at efforts to

protect road users

other countries is used to support

Mr Malcolm says: "In Ger-many, if you are involved in an accident and do not take the right precautions when using a mobile phone, you are not insured. You pay for your car, the other car and

any damages."
The federation is concerned about the increasing use of hand portable cellular telephones by drivers. Eight out of every ten cellular telephones now sold are hand portables. The fear is that they will be too distracting for drivers without the hands-free

facility on most car phones.

The law is vague about the use of mobile phones while driving. The Highway Code discourages it, but no law or safety regulation forbids it. Perhaps ironically, that is the way one of the few campaigners on the issue would like to keep it, and

"Self-regulation is always prefer-The success of campaigns in able to imposed regulation," says

Peter Purton looks Douglas French. Conservative MP for Gloucester. Mr French, a backbench campaigner for road safety, is taking seriously the potential threat from thoughtless users. "If self-regulation does not work, it may be necessary to consider legislation," he says.

The industry is not calling for a ban on the sale of hand-helds, but wants drivers intending to use them to be encouraged to install on this that equip them with the

car kits that equip them with the hands-free facilities used by owners of dedicated car phones. Such facilities, though still requiring the user to dial with the

fingers, allow a conversation

without the handset being held.

The potential danger associated with mobile phones has been known for some time. That is why hands-free operation has become standard on almost all telephones designed to be built into cars However, recent evidence from

use may not be altogether safe. Tests by scientists at Lough-borough University's human sciences research centre showed that drivers conducting handsfree mobile phone conversations were significantly more distracted

behaviour scientists suggests that

even hands-free cellular telephone

Safety first: the car passenger on this German road makes a call. The driver is uninsured if he conducts the conversation

than other drivers. In particular, of technology have been unsatis-they were slower to react to factory. In 1987, for example, they were slower to react to motorway road signs.

The next step up from hands-free is the fully voice-activated mobile phone. This not only lets drivers talk without holding the handset but also dials when the driver speaks the numbers or appropriate codewords into the

both BT and Racal Vodac introduced voice-activated car phones. Neither of them held their place in

the market for long.

The technical problems of overcoming the effects of background noise, as well as their high cost — £2,700 in the case of BT's Topaz, for example - proved too So far, experiences with this type much. Now BT, with the help of

NEC, the Japanese electronics manufacturer, is having a second go, believing it has solved the noise problem

More importantly perhaps, BT seems to have solved the price problem at least. Its Azure model sells for just £299.

Not all the evidence speaks

against the mobile phone's road safety record. California's highway parrol, for instance, believes

that the owners of car phones are improving road safety.

The highway patrol estimates that about a third of calls to the state's emergency number are from people using car phones, reporting anything from accidents and stranded motorists to traffic hazards and drunks on the road. However, no record was made of whether the users were stationary

Choice in the cheapest place

Pritain is the cheapest country in Europe in which to buy a cellular they cost about the same as telephone, thanks largely to bonuses paid to retailers and high-volume production in the late 1980s. On average, new subscribers pay only

£190 for a new telephone. Most dealers receive £250 to £350 for every new subscriber they sign up. This allows them to discount heavily the recommended re-

tail price. Telephones come in four categories — car phones, transportables, transmobiles, and hand portables. Whereas car phones accounted for around 70 per cent of sales when the networks were started six years ago, the hand portable, with about 65 per cent market share, is now the clear favourite. The British market is dominated by products from Japan's NEC and Panasonic, Motorola of the United States, and Fin-

Buying a car phone is the orola's Microtac 2 is one of ular subscriber. Many dealers sell models such the NEC CM3 and the Panasonic H Series for less than £100, including

installation.

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More recent models cost be tween £200 and £400, including installation.

Poor installations have brought numerous complaints in the past six years but the Federation of Communications Services, which represents service providers and retailers, says there should be no problems if manufacturers' guidelines are followed.

Body-mounted aerials cost £10 to £35 and the increasingly popular glass-mounted type £15 to £75. To function well, the aerial should be on or near the vehicle's roof.

Transportable phones are bulky portable units. Unlike pocket-sized hand portables, they come with an integral large battery pack. They perform better than hand portables when signals are weak. such as on the edge of the cov-erage zone and inside buildings, and offer a longer battery life. They cost between £150 and £250. A typical example is the Mitsubishi

MT4, costing about £200. Transmobiles are transportable-hand portables that can be installed in a vehicle

transportables.

Hand portables cost from £100 to more than £500. The main benefits of the more expensive models are reduced size and longer battery life.
Potential buyers now face

a bewildering array of fea-tures on most telephones, such as abbreviated and memory dialling, which stores numbers. The power of a battery is measured in terms of "talk time", usually between one and two hours, and standby time, when the telephone is on but not being used. Six to 20 hours is

typical.

Many telephones now include timers indicating the duration of the last call and the total call duration. Some are also able to give details of incoming and outgoing calls. Recently introduced hand portables are compact and long-lasting. At £550, Mot-

the most expen-There are pound and with a high-power still some two hours' talk unscrupulous hours' standby. dealers The Microtac competes

against such models as the £200 Nokia 101. The cost of a cellphone is deceptive. The retailer's ability to sell cheaply depends partly on how hard a bargain he or she drives on elements of the subscriber contract. Greg Moore, of the London-based CMA Consultancy, says the industry has not yet lost its cowboy reputation. "There are," he says, 'still some dealers and service

providers who are

scrupulous."

Despite the importance of the contractual arrangements, it is still the cost of cellphones that attracts most buyers. Finbar Doyle, the manager of the London retailer Carphone World, says: "It is by far the most important thing for most customers. Some just choose the phone and sign the con-tract without looking at it. The contract could be a

they know."
Celinet and Vodafone have said they want an end to the bonus system that keeps

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Yes, but can I afford it? Playing the numbers

Ken Young considers the costs of carphones and portables and assesses Vodafone and Cellnet

ry. With telephones available for as little as £50 for a and carphone handportable for £150, it is the cost of using the service rather than of acquiring the telephone that potential subscribers fear.

Cellular users spend about £1,200 each year, of which £900 covers average call charges and £300 line rental.

Typically, a subscriber will choose to buy a telephone from one of the from one of the many dealers nationwide. Dealers either sell telephones on behalf of service providers, in which case much of what is seen in the shop is display only, or, in the case of the larger dealers, buy in bulk themselves from manufacturers and sell direct. Bonuses paid by the service providers for each new subscriber ensures that telephones are heavily discount-

The cost of using Cellnet or Vodafone is very similar, so the choice of operator is likely to be affected by coverage requirements and the fact that some dealers offer better

Celinet and Vodafone both charge E50 for connection and E25 monthly line rental. Cellnet charges 9p a minute for off peak calls and Vodafone 10p. On both networks call charges rise to 33p (within the M25) and 25p (elsewhere) during peak times. The peak period covers a large part of the day: Cellnet's peak is from 0800 to 2100. Vodasone's from 0730 to 2100. Both networks charge peak rates from Mon-day to Saturday.

The subscriber contract

represents an agreement be-tween the service provider provider sends out bills every

A full understanding of what constitutes a fair contract can save thousands of pounds. Points to watch include the length of the contract, with one year now the most common, and any no-tice period needed. Typically, this will be three months but

aving a cellular termination can be arranged telephone is still at any time after the first year and that no termination fee will apply, or that call charges will be levied if they cease using the telephone yet pay the remaining monthly subscription.

The most common way of billing is in half-minute units. with a minimum call length you will not be charged for calls that are unsuccessful.

Itemised billing is essential: the charge is usually about £3 a month. For payment of bills, direct debit arrange ments are usual.

It is perhaps advisable to take out an insurance policy. Dealers are keen to sell policies because they often find it difficult to explain why a replacement telephone can cost three or four times the original price, which will have been heavily discounted.

Insurance ranges from £2.50 to £7.50 a month. Basic cover invariably includes loss, theft or accidental damage, while the more expensive policies cover the provision of replacement telephone if the original is being repaired and give indemnity against unauthorised use.

Extra services include the provision of messaging services which allow storage and when the cellphone user is unavailable or simply doesn't want to answer the telephone. Calls are stored on a central computer and retrieved by calling in to it when

If required, the system can be made to call the user with a reminder that there are mesvice, called Callback, offers twice the messaging capacity of Vodafone's Messenger service, although messages must be shorter - 60 rather than 90 seconds. Charges are on the basis of the duration of the message added to the time taken to retrieve it.

On a no-subscription basis Vodafone charges 25p a minute for the message and 33p a minute during retrieval. Alternatively, it charges £4.75 monthly subscription, in which case the user only pays the retrieval fee.

vice subscribers pay £3 a month plus 25p a minute for

the message and 33p for

Callback has 60,000 subscribers compared with Messenger's 70,000. Cellnet says that its subscribers spend an average of £30 a month.

Despite the usefulness of messaging services, some dealers say they have had complaints from users who report that calls are diverted to the service too readily - for example when a car is going under a bridge, temporarily losing contact, or when the telephone is on the fringes of the coverage area and reception is poor.

They also inform new cuscan be linked to the main contract and thus subject to the same termination condi-

Value added tax is applied to the telephone and the swork charges. As a result of the budget last year, the personal calls of business users are taxable.

he tax on personal use has been heavily criticised within the industry and is seen as something of a misnomer. We think it will cost more to administrate than it will generate in revenue, says David Savage, the chairman of the service providers group nerate in revenue," says of the Federation of Communications Services.

international calls on their telephones and take up the In practice the tax requires option of having them personal calls to the value of

£200 to be declared, meaning

top rate tax payers are liable for up to £80 in tax, about 9

per cent of the yearly cost of

can agree with the employer to independently pay for pri-vate calls and a proportion of

subscriber charges, and thus

The Treasury, which says that the tax is based on an

estimation that 30 per cent of

calls are personal, expects to

generate £10 million this year

and E65 million the following

Where possible, most cellu-lar users try to avoid making

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With excellent marketing, the digital phone could be used Continent-wide

obody doubts that some time in the carry Star Trek-style communicators, so anybody on the globe can instantly call anybody else. The questions of how and when still remain, and the people who get the correct answers will lead the communications industry in the next century.

The next two steps towards a universal personal commu-nicator are already on the way, which will bring the wonders of digital technology

to cellular telephones.
One, GSM, is beginning to be installed in London and on the Continent. The other, PCN, is due to come on stream next year.

GSM — so called after an

EC committee but now renamed Global System for Mobiles — is the first European-wide standard for cellular telephones, operating on the same frequency through-out the EC. Clearing that frequency in all countries was an important achievement. Every country is committed to building a GSM network. so a subscriber should be able to use a handset anywhere in the community.
The drawback, in Britain at

least, is that the telephones themselves are going to be far more expensive than the existing analogue equivalents, call charges will be higher and the portable handsets now on trial — are larger than the best analogue sets.

"As a marketing man, I don't see anything I can seil there," says Keith Johnson, general manager of the cellu-lar subscriber division of Motorola, which is also one of the firms committed to set-ting up a PCN. Is GSM in danger of being another ex-pensive flop in the UK, such

In the long term, GSM will succeed, says Stefan Zehle, a telecommunications consultant. But in the short terro, it will take off very slowly in Britain, he adds. In France



User friendly: the state of hand-held telephones to come

hand, the current cellular systems are much more expensive than in Britain, so GSM is likely to be accepted much faster. This should lead to economies of scale, eventually bringing prices down to levels that British users will find attractive.

According to a recent fore-cast, GSM equipment is unanalogue equipment until at least 1995, probably 1996, when there will be about 3 to .5 million subscribers.

vith services likely to start in a hesitant fashion next year, this growth is not explosive. Nevertheless, according to Mr Zehle, this should be enough to bring the cost of PCN handsets down to a manageable level.
Technically, PCN sets are

very similar to GSM, the they operate at double the frequency and can therefore carry many more subscribers. PCNs are also aimed at a different market, according to a recent Frost and Sullivan report. The main competitor for PCNs is the old, copper

wire-based system in everybody's home. To succeed, PCN3 will be hand portables. They must be cheap enough for people to

use at home as an extra telephone line that can also be used away from home. Cellular is too expensive for this because of the high cost of calls, so PCN charges within a subscriber's home area will have to be compara-

ble with BT or Mercury. Calls made outside the home area but within the same region are expected to be comparable to using a tele-phone box, while calls made at the other end of the country will be at cellular rates.

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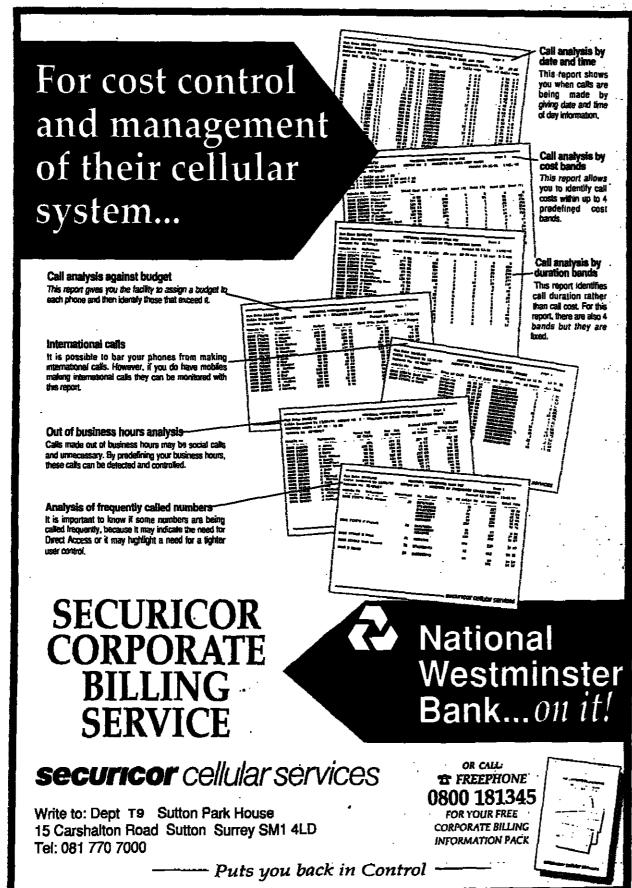
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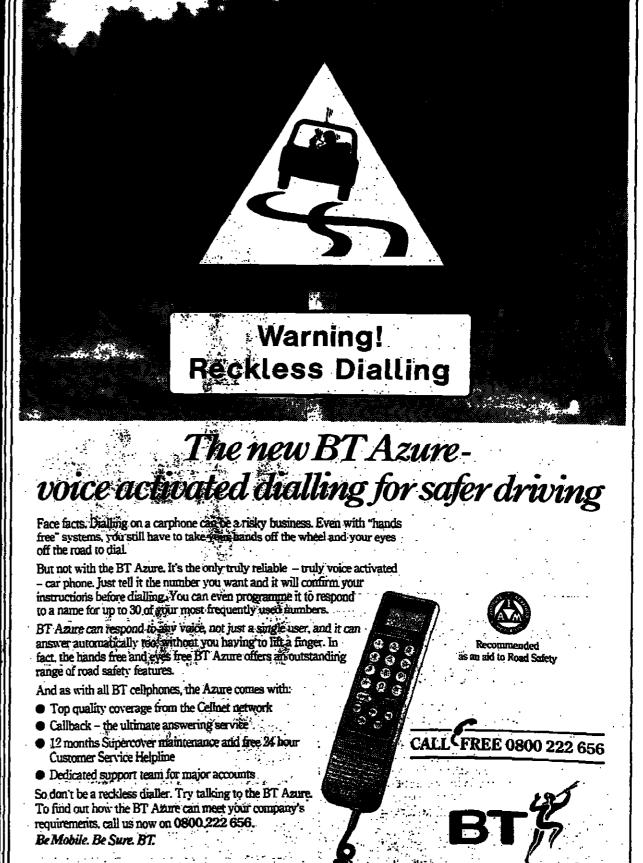
This flexible call charge structure should make PCNs a more attractive proposition for ordinary domestic sub-scribers. The report predicts that Britain could have more than 10 million subscribers.

Richard Goswell, the managing director of Mercury PCN, says that PCN's appeal to the mass consumer market has also attracted the attention of consumer electronics firms as a way of entering the communications market.

If GSM and PCN overcome the severe marketing and economic hurdles, they will be the first truly continent-wide mobile networks in the world, leaving the United States, with its fragmented, city and state-wide systems,

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Pharos sheds light on single market

BY RODNEY HOBSON

A COMPUTER program to show British firms how the single European market will affect them even if they do not export - has been launched by National West-minster Bank. Called Pharos. after the lighthouse at Alexandria that was one of the wonders of the ancient world, it has been compiled with the help of Ernst & Young, the accountant, and the Confederation of British Industry.

Pharos is designed mainly for businesses with a turnover of £500,000 to £130 million, but it can be used by firms of all sizes. The program displays on the screen a series of questions about a business. The user selects answers through the keyboard. The questions look at aspects such as suppliers, operations, products and customers, enabling Pharos to build up a detailed picture of the business. The system then draws on information supplied by experts to identify key issues for that particular business.

Issues will include environment, health and safety and VAT. Pharos will provide information on EC directives that are legally binding on British companies. NatWest will supply the first disc free, irrespective of whether the user has an account with the bank. That offer will last at least until the end of the year. Updated discs will cost

NatWest customers. Ernst & Young clients and CBI members £40 every six months. Other users will pay £125. Users provide their own computer hardware.

Pharos runs on any IBM or IBM-compatible personal com-puter with 640k of memory. It is available on 3.5-inch and 5.25inch double-density floppy discs.
The user will need at least 3.5 megabytes of free space on the hard disc, a floppy drive that can read double-density discs and a printer. The program comes with



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RICH in products rather than flush with cash is how Will Gompertz, aged 26, describes his publishing company as it fights its way through the recession.

It is called Shots and was become a second transfer of the present and the present age. Operate

Taking a shot at commercial success

launched two years ago. Operat-ing from a shoebox-sized office in Ladbroke Grove, west London, it is the only UK company to pro-duce video magazine programmes sold on subscription to people in advertising. . Mr Gompertz, who used to work

for a film company, teamed up with Neil Thomson, a director and designer from Thames Television, to launch the venture. Their idea was that few people in the advertis-ing world saw every good tele-vision commercial, so there ought to be a market for videos offering the best material from around the

Gompertz and Thomson were should be self-funding. They raise cash by selling annual £300 subscriptions, which buy six pro-grammes. "We never borrow money," Mr Gompertz says. The recession has schooled them in working on a low budget, with minimum overheads. There are five desks for a team of six, two computers, a telephone, a fax and a copier in their one room. Subscriptions are bought by companies such as Saatchi & Saatchi, Procter & Gamble and J

Walter Thompson and by other links in the production chain such

as producers and lighting designers. Shots has many subscribers on the Continent and the response to its launch in America two months ago has also been good. An agent was recently appointed in Japan. "The UK leads the world in the advertising industry." Mr Gompertz says. "Everyone comes to Britain for our techniques and watch it?"

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> Shots itself does not advertise. It relies on word of mouth. "People are coming to us now as our name is starting to be recognised." Mr

Gompertz says. Shots reckons that so far it is operating at 60 per cent of its capacity, but has nevertheless just reached the breakeven stage. Money coming in from subscriptions is used to fund the next programme.

Mr Gompertz and Mr Thomson are not looking for a quick breakthrough. Because they are still young, they say, they can afford to put time and effort into the company. "It's a long-term

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doubled the size of its Coppergate House, a few minutes' walk from London's Liverpool Street station, to offer premises with pluses to small businesses (Derek Harris writes). Workshop, retail, studio and office space can be had on a flexible, monthly licence basis in a fully managed building with office facilities, including a messagetaking service. The aim is to give businesses an advantageous start. Business Space has four developments in London and there are some workspaces free at two others. One is Blackfriars Foundry, in Blackfriars Road, and the other is The Chandlery, in Westminster Bridge Road, both of them in SE1.

More details from Business Space on 071-721 7700.

☐ For entrepreneurs with an eve on longer-term prospects in the leisure market the English Tourist Board has produced Building a Tourism Business: a development guide. There is a useful section giving average costs for a wide range of leisure facilities, from budget hotels to aviaries and icennis. The guide is available for £10 from Department D. English Tourist Board, 24 Grosvenor Gardens, London SWIW OET.

☐ A code of conduct covering the prompt payments of bills has been launched by the Confederation of British Industry This calls on companies to agree payment terms at the outset of a deal and stick to them.

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Britain's indoor sprint favourite must keep his head down in Genoa

Livingston presumes a gold

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IT IS Monday, five days before Jason Livingston lines up as favourite to win the European indoor 60 metres title in Genoa, and he has to spend an hour on the bus to get to training, and another hour to get home. "I had to get rid of my car because I can't afford to run it," he says.

When he arrives at the spartan indoor sprint strip at Crystal Palace, orange peel, cigarette butts and assorted trash litter the floor. To get to the Mediterranean, most British athletes still have to traverse the swamp.

Facilities have not caught up with the quality of our performers. Matthew Yates, Britain's other main hope for European gold in the cham-pionships which begin today, ises a multi-storey car park in Basildon for under-cover win-

Livingston is working on technique and is anxious to correct two faults: he has the habit of drifting to the right of his lane, and of bringing his head up too early, dispersing power from the blocks upwards, not forwards. He runs down the line of the lane trying to persuade his legs to carry him straight. Why run 61 metres when the others are doing 60?

The legs are responding but not the head. Time and again he shouts his frustration when his head comes up before it should. He must get it right tomorrow to end his days in the bus queue. Days in the dole queue, too. Then the commercial offers should start coming. "Winning would give me bargaining power," he says.

The last time he went to the European indoor championships he came back to find he had been sacked for absence without leave. He held one other job, briefly, but does not want one now

Training full-time has allowed me to put in a lot more work," he says. It shows. He has improved from 6.67 sec to 6.51 sec this winter, from 132nd in the world to lifth equal. Equal with Linford Christie. And, now that he is living with auntie, he expects better.

His parents separated when he was young and he has lived with his grandparents for most of his life. "My grandparents are very supportive," he says. But auntie is former English Schools champion sprinter and the last fortnight at her house has been a revelation.

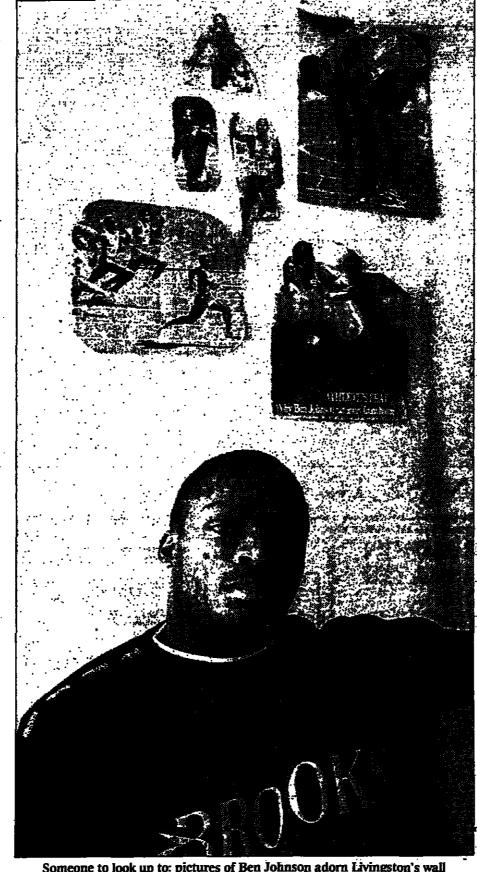
right food and it has been really disciplined there," Livingston, aged 20, says. "She has got me into habits I do not like, but they have been good for me. She has stopped me running round the streets. staying out late."

Livingston's nickname. Baby Ben, has stuck like mud has to his idol. But he is trying to wriggle free from the Pampers. The bullet start and the squat muscular appearance is still there but the shaven head has given way to hair. No longer does he wear the Johnson brand of kit, nor does he splay his hands in the set position, like Johnson does. "I have adjusted my block position, brought in my hands. away from the Baby Ben business," he says.

But Johnson still tugs at his heart. His Johnson posters remain on his bedroom wall. There were good things about Johnson, he says, that he wants to copy. "Everyone wants to copy. "Everyone liked Carl [Lewis] because he came along with this raw unorthodox style, a sort of caveman image, and that was impressive. That was how I want to run.

Last April, Livingston went to Ron Roddan, Christie's coach. "I was wondering how Linford would react but I had to think about my future," Livingston says. Anyway, Lewis and Leroy Burrell benefit from training together under Tom Tellez. When Linford's here I train with him full-time. We have a good

Christie is training in Australia and will, therefore, not be defending his European title. Over to his new stable mate. In Christie fashion, Livingston says he "will be the one to beat". If he succeeds he will stand as Europe's No. 1 before being the acknowledged No. 1 at his training group. Until Livingston can prove otherwise. Christie will remain the sprint king of



Someone to look up to: pictures of Ben Johnson adorn Livingston's wall

TENNIS

Rankings leading to protest

By Andrew Longmore Tennis Correspondent

THOUGH stopping some way short of outright rebellion, the underpaid members of the tennis brotherhood have shown a distinct militant tendency in Croydon this week. Thirty-seven of them competing on the interna-tional satellite circuit have signed a petition calling on the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and the Associ-ation of Tennis Professionals (ATP), who run the lowerlevel tournaments on the tour. to change the ranking system and ease the upward path of the lower-ranked players.

They want more points to be awarded for the satellites and for there to be more flexibility in the format of the month-long circuit. Under the present system, if Jeremy Bates remains unbeaten throughout the circuit, winning 20 straight matches, he would receive 40 points - the equivalent of rising only 20 places in the rankings.

The feeling underlying these proposals is that the ATP is more interested in protecting the top 50 or 60 players than in encouraging new blood. The criticism is strenuously denied by Russell-Barlow, of the ATP.

"We are taking the complaints very seriously because we must have new guys coming through or the tour will stagnate. We have been working with the ITF for some months to revise the system and hope to agree on some changes before the end of the year," he said. Barlow points to an increased number of challengers at the stage up from the satellites as evidence of their commitment.

As an old lag, Bates is understandably sceptical. A straight-sets win over his Davis Cup colleague, Mark Petchey, earned the British No. 1 an interesting meeting today with Andrew Richardson, the most promising of the British juniors and a potential beneficiary of the

CRICKET

South Africa in line to spoil the host's party

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN AUCKLAND

RATHER than the unaffected reunion of old friends, which it seemed likely to be a week ago, the meeting of New Zealand and South Africa in the World Cup here tomorrow has become, as it were, compulsory viewing. Both have already beaten Australia, South Africa by a spectacular knockout, and whoever wins will be entitled to look forward with some confidence to a place in the semi-

It is being described as the biggest match in the history of New Zealand cricket, and one that will attract great worldwide attention. The competition is being televised to more than 30 countries, Russia, China, Mongolia and, of course, South Africa among them. It promises, too, to be a close affair.

Much is being made of the advantage New Zealand have through knowing so well the vagaries of the six grounds on which they will be playing their qualifying matches — at Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Napier and Wellington. The South Africans, it is said, will find

am not sure about that. Sydney's on Wednesday did not look that much different from the one on which New Zealand beat Australia here last Saturday, other than that the bounce seemed more uneven.

We knew South Africa would field well, and that they would play with heart and soul. They always have. India and Australia could well have played too much cricket for their own good; Pakistan, much troubled by injuries, may be thinking that the fates could be against them; Sri Lanka are complaining about all the travelling they are hav-ing to do. Being fresh and new to it all, South Africa are in the mood to be thrilled and strengthened by what they see and find. They will not be looking for excuses, that is ouite certain.

If they lacked confidence when this week started, the manner of their victory over Australia will have changed that; if they are wondering what Australia's abject performance in Sydney says about the standards in world cricket, they will know better than to say so. For South the pitch at Eden Park tomor- Africa this is a voyage of row too slow for them. But I discovery. Having drawn a

full house to the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday, they are likely to do the

same here tomorrow. Unfortunately for New Zealand, their opener, John Wright, whose level-head-edness and fighting qualities mean so much to his side, will miss the match, after damaging a shoulder in the field against Sri Lanka on Tuesday. His place will probably go to Mark Greatbatch, with either he or Andrew Jones stepping into the opener's

The South Africans have a clean bill of health, and already identities within their side are becoming more clearly defined.

There is Kepler Wessels, the uncompromising captain, Afrikaans in name and disposition; and Allan Don-ald, the tall and tidal fast bowler, and Jonty Rhodes. whose fielding in the covers creates such alarm among opposing batsmen; and Richard Snell, the quiet achiever; and Adrian Kuiper, an allaction cricketer. I wrote recently that nobody in the side has Eddie Barlow's all-round flair. There is just a chance

Names unknown no more

SUDDENLY, the South Africans are the celebrities of this World Cup. A little bewildered, and deservedly well-celebrated, they left one host nation in shock yesterday and headed for the other. New Zealand, and a second sell-out crowd, await them with some trepidation in Auck-

Most of Australia is evidently finding it hard to digest the decline of their champions. It is, so the mood relates, a bad dream from which the nation will soon be soothingly woken. One Melbourne newspaper, however, was not so sanguine. "SLAUGHTER", screamed their six-column headline. And so it was.

The manner and margin South Africa's win on Wednesday night remains staggering though possibly not to Michael John Procter. The coach is charmatic but he had kept a

deliberately low profile.
Only once did his guard stip. When I put it to him, a might be ready to cause a few surprises, he shot a fur-tive sideways glance, as if the information was classified, before muttering: "They won't surprise me. I know what they can do." Procter was in a tiny mi-

nority. The attraction of the South Africans here is unfamiliarity. Their potential has been a matter of guesswork and, to a large degree, it remains so. Wessels is an intimate in

Australia, of course, while

praise for South Africa's dramatic re-emergence says Alan Lee.

Procter deserves high

Donald and Kirsten are known by sight and reputnames, their talent no more assured than their tem-perament. Until Wednes-

Everyone expected they only because they have waited so long for the chance but because such spirit is imbred in the South African sportsman. And fight they did.

But, once the inevitably frenetic opening overs had passed, there was also a poise and a purpose to their cricket that reflect great credit on Procter and

Richard Snell is shambolic in appearance.



Kirsten: a fine example

shirt invariably flapping out of his trousers. In India last November, his bowling did nothing to contradict the impression but Sydney was a different story. He conceded just 15 cms in conceded just 15 runs in nine overs. On this show ing, Somerset have invest-

Adrian Kuiper and Hansie Cronje found their forthright batting surplus to requirements this time. But their second suit, swing bowling of the pace that kids and cajoles fraudently. was an unexpected tripwire for the stumbling cup

The fielding cannot be overpraised. Border called it "sensational". Rhodes, aged 22, is alone worth the admission money but Kirsten, 14 years older, is not far behind him. Neither are they gazelles

Richards, a proud observer, said it was the first time he can remember seeing the Australian running put It is too early for any au

thentic judgments on this side. Australia did not even extend them but others surely will. South Africa now face three games in six days on New Zealand pitches that should suit them. By the end of the week they might be all but semi-finalists.

By the end of the week, if the growing panic here is justified, Australia will be all but yesterday's cham-

Labrooy in as

replacement

Zimbabwe suffer the restrictions of spin

53-run victory over Zimba-bwe in the World Cup yester-day. Using three spinners in the middle of the innings, they restricted Zimbabwe to 201 for seven after they had batted first, making 254 for

The Pakistan captain, Imran Khan, nursing his right shoulder injury, did not bat or bowl and said he was unsure if he would play in the next match against England in Adelaide on Sunday.

The Zimbabwean bowling and fielding held up well for the first 30 overs of the Paki-stan innings, restricting them to 96 for two, but when the man of the match. Aamer Sohail, and Javed Miandad began hitting out, their game crumbled.

Sohail raced to his century in 81 balls. Dropped four times, he finished with 114. Miandad reached his 89 in The Zimbabwe innings

never really gained momen-

Hobart: Pakistan strolled to a turn, although some late hitting from Andy Waller and Iain Butchart took them past 200. (Agencies)

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Ramayake, who has retired from the World Cup with a shoulder injury. Labrooy, aged 29, won the vacancy over the younger Ajit Weer-akkody. Ramayake will leave after today's match against India at Mackay. Sponsors and Australian officials have failed to sort out

HAY

a dispute over pitch advertising in Melbourne. Benson and Hedges, which put £2.5 million into the World Cup, expected its logo to be painted on every outfield.

But the state government in Victoria, which is anti-smoking, has dug in its heels at the MCG, which is staging five matches — including next month's final. No logos appeared for last weekend's game between West Indies and Pakistan and their near and Pakistan and they were missing again yesterday when England played West Indies. (Agencies)

Durham offer Parker promotion

Harare: Paul Parker is to be offered the vice-captaincy of Durham following his outstanding contribution on a successful four-week tour of Zimbabwe (a Special Correspondent writes).

director of cricket, said before germine" the tour that he would leave Parker, who was born in the position vacant until he had discussed it with Ian Botham. But now he believes to step down last season. "It-

David Graveney was unavailable because of injury, is the man for the job. "Paul has impressed every-

one with his handling of people," Cook said. "His enthusiasm for the Durham Geoff Cook the county's concept is absolutely

Bulawayo, was Sussex cap-Parker, who deputised when has been marvellous to see the .

squad coming together," he said. "When we add Dean Jones. Botham, Simon Hughes and Steve McEwan our one-day capacity is quite exciting. We certainly won't score runs slowly and we also have the makings of a useful

Cook said the tour had achieved all its objectives in preparing the side for its first season in county cricket.

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Tom Troubadour to follow up HAVING gone nap on Tom Troubadour to win at Folkestone 10 days ago only to see the meeting fall victim to frost, I feel bound to remain loyal to the Josh Gifford-Article to the file of the control o trained nine-year-old in the Geoffrey Gilbey Handicap

Chase at Newbury today. Clearly the circumstances are different but if anything there is all the more reason to be more confident. Since that intended Folkestone race, Tom Troubadour's winning The first of the f form over this course and distance three weeks ago was given an emphatic boost in Treland last Saturday when the runner-up, Zeta's Lad, was beaten only a head in the Eddie Brennan National

Trial at Punchestown. During the previous meeting on this same Berkshire track Tom Troubadour re-

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3.30 TOM TROUBADOUR (pap).

4.00 Teaplanter. 4.30 Ugandan Affairs.

ride from Decian Murphy by beating Zeta's Lad by half a length.

But what impressed me most that day was his attitude. Gone were the days when his careless approach contrived to bring about his downfall on three occasions last season. Instead we saw a faultless exhibition of jumping, culminating in a display of courage on the run-in when he was harried by Zeta's Lad all the way to the

At the end they were three-and-a-half lengths ahead of Latent Talent, who has been such a model of consistency

As Tom Troubadour had begun his season in such an encouraging manner with that promising second to that

RICHARD EVANS

2.00 Does It Matter. 3.00 Guiburn's Nephew.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

good horse The Illywhacker at Leicester, I am even more convinced that he is a good bet to win again here with only 10st 7lb to carry.

If Guibarn's Nephew runs as well as he did when he divided Mr Entertainer and Pegwell Bay on this course in the autumn the Arkell Brewery Handicap Chase should be his for the taking.

Prime Display, who re-turned home with a sore back after disappointing at Ascot last time, is expected to run a deal better in the Radcot Handicap Hurdle while the Whatcombe Novices' Handicap Hurdle can go to Ugandan Affairs, who appeared to

Long handicap: Young Warrior 9-7.

sequent Huntingdon winner Salwan when he fell at the last at Uttoxeter last time.

The first running of the Peter Hamer Memorial Hunters' Chase looks at the mercy of Teaplanter, who won the corresponding race 12 months ago with consummate case.

At Haydock, all eyes will be on the former champion hurdier Kribensis when he begins his long-awaited comeback by contesting the Boodle and Dunthorne Diamond Hurdle in the care of Richard Duzwoody, who knows him

Michael Stoute would not be running Kribensis unless he was entirely happy and completely satisfied with his progress. In the circumstances the grey is taken to

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PARIK SHADE beat Clorectie Gazette 301 in a 3quenter hunter chase at Towcester (3m 190yd, good
to firm) last season. STAREMBER LAD beat Ardsase 34 in a 10-runner hunter chase at Chepstow
(3m, soft), vith DARTON RI talled-off 8th.
LITTLE DUFFY detance 2nd of 18 to Passional Pride
in a hunter chase at Towcester (2m 5/ 110yd.)

he left off in better class: on a winning note.

Otherwise it should pay to follow Peter Scudamore riding Run for Free (2.20). Vallinet (3.50) and Wood-urather (4.50) for Martin Pipe on the Lancashire track.

Although still not the most convincing jumper of fences, Run For Free still has the ability to beat Armagret and Real Class in the Cadogan Estates Novices' Chase while Woodurather will appreciate the distance of the Jock Scott Handicap Hurdle having blatantly failed to last twoand-a-half miles at Chepstow last time.

Vallinet, a promising recruit from France, is taken to make a winning English debut in the Surprise Surprise Novices Hurdle.

Dunwoody narrowly escapes collision

RICHARD Dunwoody was happen," he said "The horse ter horse there than at any fortunate to escape serious injury in a near-miss on the run-in at Ludlow yesterday. Dunwoody, riding Tug Of Gold in the Forbra Gold Cup Handicap Chase, almost collided head-on with a loose horse as he battled for the lead with Ronans Birthday. As the jockey, head down, drove for the line he failed to

see Ben Ledi, a first-fence faller, galloping the wrong way down the track. Alerted by cries from the crowd, Dunwoody looked up and, a stride from impact, managed to drag Tug Of Gold away. The side-step almost certainly turned victory into a three-quarters of a length defeat. "I've got the crowd to thank." Dunwoody said. "It could have been a terrible

accident. I wondered why everyone was shouting and thank goodness I looked up.
"The runaway horse missed me by no more than an inch. The incident has cost me the race, but at least I'm in one piece. I'm very, very lucky. I've never been happier not to win a race."

David Nicholson, Tug Of Gold's trainer, was furious. "The accident was waiting to

should have been caught. After all, it had fallen at the first fence."

Cheitenham news yester-day concerned Norton's Coin, the 1990 winner. The 11-year-old has undergone treatment since a bad virus was diagnosed after he finished lifth in the Agfa Diamond Chase at Sandown at the beginning of the month but Sirrell Griffiths, his trainer, is confident he is back to his best.

"I believe he's in as good a shape as two years ago," Griffiths said. "Cheltenham suits Nonton's Coin and he's a bet-



Dunwoody: fortunate to avoid serious injury

other course. We've a solid each-way chance."

There was support yesterday for Holy Joe in the Coral Golden Hurdle Final on Wednesday week and he is now 12-1 with the sponsors. Holy Joe is trained by Jim Wilson, three times successful in the race as a jockey with Willie Wumpkins and once as

a trainer with Taberna Lord. On the Flat, Philip Robinson, the former champion apmarket trainer Mark Tompkins as stable jockey. Robinson is returning to this country after five years in Hong Kong, where he was twice champion jockey, and is expected to take up the ap-

pointment in June

The 1993 Breeders' Cup will be run at Santa Anita. California, it was announced yesterday. Santa Anita hosted the event in 1986 with an attendance of almost 70,000. This year's Breeders' Cup will he held at Gulfstream Park. Florida.

Columet Form, the famous Lexington stud, will be sold at auction on March 26, 2 bankruptcy judge ruled on

Courses losing £15m annually

BRITAIN'S racecourses are collectively losing some £15 million a year on their racing activities, the annual general meeting of the Racecourse Association (RCA) was told yesterday (George Rac

The shortfall has been made up by a several factors. including non-racing activi-ties and financial assistance from racecourse owners, but J J Warr, the chairman of the Rca, warned that racecourse managements must improve their commercial awareness to stem the losses.

"From now on economic pressures and a more professional attitude to racecourse operations will make it increasingly rare for deficits on raceday finances to be tolerated," he said.

The situation would have been far worse, Warr said, but for a concerted campaign against major cuts in the fixture list. There had been fears that as many as 300 meetings might be wiped from this year's calendar, but in the end only 27 were lost.

"For some time that racing has too willingly adjusted its programme and product to suit betting purposes without receiving a proper return," he

"I believe that 1991 was a watershed in that it is going to be difficult to persuade racecourses from now on to race other than at times when potentially large crowds can attend, unless the price paid for the product is seen as fair and adequate."

Future success in gaining a fair return would depend greatly on the planned British Horseracing Board, Warr

Brian Beel: 4.00 Teaplanter. BETTING: 7-4 Tom Troubadour, 8-1 Pendennis, 8-1 Strong Gold, Tom Bir, 10-1 Arctic Teel, 14-1 Felk Dance, Mighty Falcon, Sunbeam Talbot, Topsham Bay, 16-1 Market Forces, 20-1 others. 1991: 14R ENTERTAINER 8-10-3 B Powell (15-8 ten) N Gaselee 8 ren The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 PENDENNIS. GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT BACK STRAIGHT HURDLES COURSE) HOTPLATE beat Pinemartin 1SI in a 4-runner handcap chase at Haydock (5m 3i, good). TOPSHAM BAY 37I 4th of 9 to David's Dulky in a handicap chase at Warwick (5m 5i, good), with SURBEAM TALBOT polled up. PSNDEWS WI 2nd of 8 to For The Grain in a handicap chase at Ascot (2m 4i, good) to 5m) on parotitimets start. MIGHTY FALCON distance 3rd of 5 to Run For Free in a chase st Chepstow (2m 4i, soft), with YOUNG WARRIOR 3d 4th. TOM BIR just over 5/41 3rd of 9 to Stoton Abbey in a handicap chase at Huntingdon (3m, good). TOM TROUBLOOR beat 2res's Lad by in an 4-runner amateur rises' handicap chase at Chepstow (2m 3i, coll), ARCTIC TEAL best Pleypen Wi in a 5-runner handicap chase at Huntingdon (3m, good). SEAM TALBOT beat 2res's Lad by in an 11-runner amateur rises' handicap chase at Huntingdon (3m, good). TOM TROUBLADOR beat 2res's Lad by in an 6runner handicap chase at Huntingdon (3m, good). TOM TROUBLADOR beat 2res's Lad by in an 6runner handicap chase at Huntingdon (3m, good). TOM TROUBLADOR beat 2res's Lad by in an 6runner handicap chase at Huntingdon (3m, good). TOM TROUBLADOR beat 2res's Lad by in an 6runner handicap chase at Chepstow (3m 3i, political properties and the properties of the 2.00 ARDINGTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,275: 2m 180yd) (8 runners) 4.00~peter Hamer Memorial Hunter Chase (Amateurs: £1,590: 3m) (7 runners) BETTING: 4-6 Does II Matter, 9-4 Sabela River, 6-1 L'Uomo Piu, 16-1 Baltana The Smith, 33-1 others. 1991: WHATEVER YOU LIKE 7-11-8 R Durwoody (7-2) N Henderson 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

THUNDERER

2.00 Sabaki River. 2.30 PRIME DISPLAY

(nap). 3.00 Certain Style. 3.30 Tom Tronbadour.

4.00 Teaplanter. 4.30 Ugandan Affairs.

BELTANE THE SMITH beat Mithary Band 41 in a 6runner handicap hurdle at Devon (2m 11, good) in
November. A winning point-to-pointer, leading when
unsealing note? 3 out in a novice chase at Taunton
(2m 110yd, firm) in April
ODES IT MATTER, clear lead well fell last in
novice chase at Kempton (2m 4; good) Previously,
21 2nd of 4 to Clever Shepherd in a novice chase at
Sandown (3m 118yd, good) in November. L'UOMO

2.30 RADCOT HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,366: 3m 12Dyd) (14 runners)

FORM FOCUS

ROUVAN 81 Sin of 10 to Don Valentine in the grade it Regency Hurdle at Warwick (2m St, soft). PRIME DISPLAY 1091 3rd of 8 to Sweet Glow in a handlesp burdle at Ascol (3m, good to firm). SAYYURE 5%1 4m of 12 to Legal Beagle in a handlesp hurdle, over course and distance (good), with CELTIC SPORT (1b better off) 1%1 5m.

CLASSIC STATEMENT beat Ragian Road 3i in a 6-runner handlesp hurdle, over course and distance (good to firm). In October SIMPSON completed a funder bearing Derab %1 in a 15-runner handlesp hurdle at Leicester (2m St, soft). CAPABILITY BROWN best Mediciator 3 in a conditional jorkeys* in penultumias signs. PONTEVECCHIO NOTTE has been off the course since 2%1 2nd of 7 to Stratford Ponds in a novice burdle at Ascot (2m 4f, firm) in April 1990. FLYER'S MAP beat WINTER HAVEN (20) better off) 15 in a 21-runner handlesp hurdle at Chepstow (3m, soft). Selection: SAYYURE

3.00 ARKELL BREWERY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,522: 2m 160yd) (7 runners) 301 12F-F23 GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 85 (C.D.F.G.) (Mrs R Steed) P Hobbs 10-11-10 C Maude
302 3P-PF34 DEVIL'S VALLEY 15 (C.S.) (Mrs A Galvanoni) R Rows 9-11-8 G Bradley
303 541-45U CERTAIN STYLE 42 (D.F.G.S.) (P Stemp) O Sherwood 9-11-1 J Osborne
304 12PF-P2 DUKE DE VENDOME 92 (D.F.G.S.) (Mrs S Thomson Jones) Mrs D Heine 9-10-5 M Lynch
305 241365 PANTECHNICON 14 (D.F.G.S.) (D Commbos) A Barrow 12-10-3 W Inches 4
306 30-24FP FUEGO BOY 15 (CD.G.S) (A Darington) A J Wiston 12-10-0 B de Haan
307 P34241 MR FELIX 18 (D.G.) (Feix Rosensbel's Widow & Son) R Champson 8-10-0 A Maguire

Long handicap: Fuego Boy 8-4. Mr Felix 7-5.
BETTING: 13-8 Guiburn's Nephew. 9-4 Certain Style. 9-2 Duke De Vendome, 6-1 Pantechnicon, 25-1 others.
1991: WINGSPAN 7-12-0 J Frost (7-2) M Pipe 5 ran FORM FOCUS

1,1700 i abrooving replacement for Ramaja

GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 4'bilest of 3 to Auntie Dot in a handicap chase at Unioxeter (2m 4f, good) DEV-II.'S VALLEY 42'91 4fh of 8 to Henry Menn m a chase at Lecester (2m 4f, good to soil) CERTAIN STYLE had every chance when unseated nder 3 out in a 4-nuner handicap chase wo hop by Bahbnidge at Kempton (2m, good to firm). Previously, 27'ki last of 5 to The Graen Stuff in a handicap chase at Windoor (2m, good to firm). PUEGO BOY 11'91' 4th of 11 to Mon's Mistake in a handicap chase at Sarationd (2m, good). November.

FORM FOCUS

PLASTIC SPACEAGE head 2nd of 14 to Nova Spirit in a conditional jockeys' novice hundle at Newton Abbot (2m 51 10yd, heavy), with JONCEP'S PATCH pulled up. AMOUR ROYAL beat High Baron 12 in a 14-runner novice hundle at Chepstow (3m, soft). The Stater 4 in a 17-runner novice hundle at Chepstow (3m, soft). The Stater 4 in a 17-runner novice hundle at Mincanton (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. RATHYINDEN HOUSE short head 2nd of 11 to Scaph in a novice hundleap hundle at Ultioseter (2m, good). VITAL WITNESS 594 4th of 17 to Reyal Section in a novice hundle at Hunting-through the start of 18 to Malicom in a novice hundle at Hunting-through (2m 4f, good). WESTERN DANCER 101 2nd of 18 to Malicom in a novice hundle at Hunting-

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS JOCKEY\$ Winners Runners Per cent Rides Per cent 38.5 M Perrett 38.2 C Llewellyn 20.9 J Osborne 20.6 M Priman 18.5 H Daves 18.0 W Irvine Thomson Jones
M Pipe
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MANDARIN THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS 3.20 MOMENT OF TRUTH (nap). 2.20 Run For Free. 2.20 Armagret. 2.50 Kribensis. 2.50 Kribensis. 3.20 Antinous. 3.50 Valfinet. 3.20 Moment Of Truth. 3.50 Valfinet. 4.20 Jimmy River. 4.50 Skeletor. 4.20 Mount Argus. 4.50 Woodurather.

Brian Beel; 4,20 Mount Argus.

GOING: GOOD 2.20 CADOGAN ESTATES NOVICES CHASE (52,872: 2m 4f) (5 runners) 1 21U113 ARMAGRET 20 (CD.F.G.S) (Miss T Longstaff) B Wilkinson 7-11-12 L O'Hara 89
2 23-4111 RUN FOR FREE 13 (D.F.G.S) (Miss M Freethy) M Pips 8-11-12 P Scudemore 98
3 2/P1110 REAL CLASS 55 (CD.B.F.F.G.S) (J. Moneton) G Richards 9-11-6 N Doughty 98
4 4/20048 HEY COTTAGE 300 (G.B.) (J. Singleton) D McCain 7-11-5 G McCourt 5 FFDSSR TRAVEL SOUND 4 (J. Benister) E Alston 7-11-5 M Aleston BETTING: 4-7 Run For Free, 7-2 Armegret, 9-2 Real Class, 16-1 Hay Cottage, 20-1 Travel Bound. 1991: PACO'S BOY 6-11-8 M Dwyer (9-4) J J O'Nell 5 ran

2.50 BOODLE AND DUNTHORNE DIAMOND HURDLE (£2,784: 2m) (5 runners) 1 5351-51 RANDOUPH PLACE 104 (CD.G.S) (Edit Woolson Mil) G Richerds 11-11-12. N Douglay 94 2 251-395 BETTER TIMES AHEAD 13 (D.G.S) (E Brigge) G Richerds 6-11-8. G McCourt 91 3 1B/0043 BANK VIEW 13 (CD.G.S) (Dete (Bloodstock) Ltd) N Tinider 7-11-4. M Duffly 6-96 4 0/1111/ KRISCHSSE 717 (D.F.G.S) (Shelkin Mohammed) M Struite 8-11-4. R Durtwoody 5 056-100 TRIMLOUGH 22 (CD.F.G.S) (R Parkins) P Delton 7-11-4. J J Custon 94 BETTING: 4-6 Kribensie, 4-1 Bank View, 6-1 Better Times Ahead, 10-1 Rendolph Place, 12-1 Trimlough. 1991: SONDRIO 10-11-4 G McCourt (8-2) M Ptpe 5 ran

3.20 CALYPSO HANDICAP CHASE (£3,622: 2m) (5 runners) BETTING: 6-4 Moment Cf Truth, 9-4 Sure Metal, 4-1 Macarthur, 6-1 Antinous, 12-1 Nos Na Gaettha. 1981: THE ANTARTEX 8-11-6 N Doughty (11-4) G Richards 4 ran

		COU	RSE SI	PECIALIST	S		
TRAINERS M Pape G Richards T Tate Jimmy Frizgerald M H Easlerby D McCan	Winners 46 23 3 8 5 9	Runners 119 92 12 50 33 65	Per cent 38.7 25.0 25.0 16.0 15.2 13.8	JOCKEYS P Scudemore N Doughty G McCourl M Dwyer P Niven R Dunwoody	Winners 39 19 16 16 3	Rides 99 61 82 97 21 47	Per cent. 39.4 31.1 19.5 16.5 14.3 12.8

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 120... Rececard number. Ste-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. 8 – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days stroe last outling; F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyesttied. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CO – course and 3.50 SURPRISE SURPRISE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,940: 2m) (13 runners) 4100 FOX CHAPEL 20 (C.G) (A Budge (Equine) Limited) Jemmy Fitzgeraid 5-11-9. M Dwyer 511 BELSALAMA 10 (D.G.S) (C Mechillen) G Moore 4-11-7. J Callaghan 50303- FRENCH NY 182F (K Flood) Mrs A King 5-11-3. N Doughty • GLEN LOCHAN (Lord Chelsea) Mes H Kright 7-11-3. N Doughty • P Nivrat 60 STANDSTEL 25 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs 5 Smith 5-11-3. L Wyer 56 STEEL CONGRESS 14 (T Philips) D Mothat 5-11-3. D J Mothat (7) 513- THUMBS UP 338 (S) (M Buckley) N Henderson 6-11-3. P Durwoody 00F055 TMURS LUCK 36 (S Street) 7 Caldwell 6-11-3. P Scudamore PU ELLA STREET 124 (F Farmit) M Pipo 5-11-3. P Scudamore PU ELLA STREET 44 (J Henderson 5-10-12 SWyme (7) 4-0 SUSIE CREAMCHEESE 104 (Mrs S Rimmer) E Alston 5-10-12 M Alston F0200 CRAZY HORSE DANCER 20 (A Brydson) F Jordan 4-10-9. G MCCourt INNSTON'S EXPRESS (F McKevitt) E Alston 4-10-9. G McCourt INNSTON'S EXPRESS (F McKevitt) E Alston 4-10-9. C HOOCHEN, 10-1 French INGS 2-1 Validnet, 7-2 Thumbs Up, 9-2 Belselsems, 8-1 Fox Chapel, 8-1 Glan Lochen, 10-1 French BETTING: 2-1 Valinet, 7-2 Thumbs Up, 8-2 Belselssma, 8-1 Fox Chapel, 8-1 Gian Lochen, 10-1 French My, 16-1 Steel Congress, 20-1 others. 1991: ONEUPMANSHIP 6-11-9 G Bradley (13-8 fev) D Eleworth 19 ren 4.20 COUNTRYWEEK HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,646: 3m) (6 runners) 1 1/114-2 MOUNT ARGUS 21 (D.BF.F.Q.S) (Airs H Clarite) S Brookshaw 10-12-7 S Brookshaw (7) 92 2 1F2/01-4 OAKLEY HOUSE 21 (CD.F.S) (C Cosen) R Aston 13-12-7 J W Seriow (7) 92 3 1018-11 PADDY HAYTON 14 (D.F.G.S) (Airs M Weres) S Leadforter 11-12-7 R Shiels (5) • 93 4 30438-2 ASHP17 9 (D.G.) (Air A Garton) May A Garton 11-12-4 T Garton (7) 94 12- JIMMY RIVER 209 (S) (G Winetenley) K Anderson 9-12-4 K Anderson (3) 87 6 334P32- STRAIGHT PILOT 277 (S) (D Ford) D Ford 10-12-4 S Lyons (7) 83 BETTING: 2-1 Mount Argus, 3-1 Paddy Hayton, 7-2 Jimmy River, 6-1 Straight Pilot, 8-1 Calday House, 12-1 Ashpit. 1991; OAKLEY HOUSE 12-12-0 J W Barlow (13-2) C Coxen 11 mm 4.50 JOCK SCOT HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,385; 2m) (12 runners) 1 1P-01FF ABBOT OF PURNESS 34 (D.BF,S) (Lord Cavendian) G Richards 8-11-11... N Doughty 83

1 1P-01FF ABBOT OF FURNESS 34 (D,BF,S) (Lord Cavencists) G Richards B-11-11... N Doughty 2 2/10/6 BURNING 15 (D,F) (G Ress) M Pipe 8-11-11... S DOUGHT STANDARD STAND Long handloap: Sunset Reins Free 9-13, Albertin 9-7, Sequestrator 8-7.
BETTING: 5-2 Woodurather, 7-2 Sk Pater Lely, 9-2 Skeletor, 11-2 Kanndabit, 8-1 Abbot Of Furness, 10-1 Dyffin, 12-1 Sunset Reins Free, 16-1 Royal Busion, 20-1 others. 1991; NO CORRESPONDING RACE

MISSION TERMS

MANDARIN

2.10 Alle-Roy. 2.40 Mad Militant. 3.10 Martini Executive. 3.40 Ranya. 4.10 Brisas. 4.40 Mac's THUNDERER

2.10 Alle-Roy. 2.40 Mad Militant. 3.10 Obsidian Grey. 3.40 Money Spinner. 4.10 Gorinsky. 4.40 Danzig Lad.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 SKEDBY HANDICAP

(£2,088: 1m 6f) (5 runners)

1 222- SHOOTING LODGE 45J J Jenkins 4:10-0

2 116- STEPPEY LANE 307 (CD,F.G.S) W Haigh 7-9-12
3 0-13 ALLE-ROY 21 (C,BF) M Toopkins 4-9-2 (Hoopkins 19-3)
4 6/32 UMPAID MEMBER 14 (S) J Winston 8-9-5 (Hoopkins C) Fanning (S) 5-5 6/32 LCRID ADVICATE (I) (V,C) M Maughten 4-9-3 Boyle (S) 4
2-1 Alle-Roy, 11-4 Litgard Member, 4-1 Shooting Lodge, 9-2 Lord Advicate, 8-1 Steppey Lane.

2.40 WELLOW CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,167: 1m) (9)

1 30-1 MAD MILITANT 14 (CD.F) R Holimshead 8-8 W Ryan 7
2 0-0 ALBANY SPARK 41 G Eden 8-2 P Turner (7) 4
3 1-35 FEELING FOOLISH 21 (8,CD) T Farthurs 8-2
J Farming (3) 5 3 1-35 FEELING FOOLISH 21 (8,CD) 1 Farthurs 8-2

4 0- EVENING SESSION 234 J Norton 7-13. O Pears (7) 9

5 4244 PATRICIAN MAGICIAN 13 F) R Williams 7-13 J Quirm 3

6 4 MALCESINE 35 J Wilson 7-11 D Bogs (3) 2

7 3122 MELTONBY 14 (CDF.S) N Tinker 7-11 Ken Tinkler 6

8 000- SURRAYS 91 W Beey 7-8

9 0 TURNING HEADS 21 J Wilson 7-8 C Hewkstey (7) 8

74 Mad Militant, 31 Meltonby, 92 Patricen Magicien, 7-1 Feeting Foolish, 8-1 Melceane, 10-1 Sunrays, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: T Berron, 51 winners from 198 numers, 25 8%. Lord Huntingdon, 4 from 16, 25 0%, W O'Goman, 22 from 108, 20 4%. J Berry, 20 from 101, 19 8%; W Pearce, 11 from 59, 18 6%, P Kelteway, 5 from 37, 13 5%. JOCKEYS: Alar Greaves, 52 winners from 180 indes, 28 9%; A Bates, 3 from 16, 18 8%, D Nicholis, 15 from 92, 16.3%. Emma O'Gorman. 18 from 113, 15.9%; G Carter. 27 from 175, 15.4%, D Biggs. 11 from 82, 13.4%.

Generous, the dual Derby winner, was, at 139, rated best in Europe in 1991 by Time-form. But his rating is below that of Dancing Brave, Shergar and Vaguely Noble (all 140). Mill Reef (141) and Sea Bird II (145).

3.10 THURGATON HANDICAP

1 0-11 MARTINI EXECUTIVE 30 (B,CD,F) it Peace 4-10-0

2 3212 EUROBLAKE 7 (CD.BF.) T Baron 5910 B Dove (5) 8
3 020- SHANNON EOPRESS 11J (CD.) M Harmond 596
4 216- OBSDIAN GREY 21 (C) E Lichton 5813 R Cochrane 3
5 030- LOUDEST WHISPER 145 K Bridgiash 4812 J Williams 4
6 320- LOUDEST WHISPER 145 K Bridgiash 4812 J Williams 5
7 3112 TARAS DELISHT 20 (CD.BF.F.0.5) W O Commo
8 3-51 SOOTY TERN 20 (D.P. J Brades, 587 N Adems 1
9 421 BALLERINA BAY 16 (V.CD.G) D Thom 486 J Dumn 6
10 0-00 TYRIAN PURPLE 4J (CD) R Hallmand 477 M Humphnes (7) 9

31 Montan Executive. *2 Euroblake, 112 Tara's Delight 61 Ballerrus Bay, 8-1 Tyran Purple, Obsidan Grey 10-1 others

3.40 CLAYPOLE MAIDEN FILLIES

STAKES (£2,206: 1m) (7) 1 000. KAY'S DILEMMA 76 P Nollewin 44-10. A Bates (7) 2 2600/0 RED SPARRY 10 W Peace 4.9 to S Webster 4.3 -050 RESTLESS NIECE 30 75 Barron 4.3 10 Alex Greaves 6.4 /430. STARLIGHT WONDER 42, R Den 6.9 to D Nacholas 5.000- JODIE BORS 207 R Woodhouse 34-5. P Burks 6.6 0.4 MMEY SPANER 137 Local Furdamption 34-5. W Ryger 3.7 30 RAAVA 7 (8,8F) W O'Cosmon 34-5 Emitta O'Comman (5) 7.94 Monty Spaner, 7-2 Rasiya 4-1 Restless Nacre 6.7 Kay 9 Dilemma, 8-1 Red Sparky 10-1 Starlight Wonder Jodie Botos

4.10 RAVENSHEAD HANDICAP (52,167:61) (7)

E2,167: 61) (1)
1 3-23 ON THE EDGE 16 (C.RF) 7 Parron 4 9-10
Alex Greanes 3
2 2-52 GORRISKY 16 (D.F.S.) J Bert 4 9-6 J Carroll 7
3 -200 WELLSY LAD 16 (C.D.S.) 2 Chaeman 5 9-2 S Wood 2
4 00-8 GLENCROFT 44 (B.CD.F.G.) B Chaeman 8 812
O Pears (7) 5

5 212- EMPEEKA 86 (H.C) W O Graman 3 8 : Emma O Gorman (5) 6 0-51 BRISAS 7 (B.CD,F.G) T Fairburst 5-8-10 7 cs. 6 0-51 SHISAS / (8,UU,F.G) | Famurat 5-6 10 | (6) | 7 0420 JOVIAL KATE 24 (8F) 9 Eticon 5-7-7 | N Carliste 1 31 Brisss, 7-2 Garnsky, 4-1 Cn The Edge 6-1 Empeeka, 6-1 Welsy, Lad, Glenorth, 12-1 Javal Kate

4.40 BEESTHORPE MAIDEN STAKES

to U-LIS GOUDDITE MAGGIE 24 (B) M Fetherston Godie,
4 93M Newnes 8
7 2283 MAC'S PRINCESS 21 (B) W C Gorman 4 3 9
Emma O Gorman (5) 3
8 0-00 REPLICATE 14 M Chaires 4-9 R Cochrane 7

52 Mac's Princess, 72 Darrog Lad 41 Daching April 61 Company 61 Replicate, 101 Company Cash, 121 others

RESILES FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

OF: £13.00 CSF. £13.08.

5.00 (2m hole) 1, KING'S RARITY (R Guest, 14-1), 2, Alvays Ready (W McFarland, 11-2; 3, Irish Emerald (R Campbell, 11-8 fee), ALSO RAN 5 May Square, Miss Equils (4th), 10 Xst-Tang, 12 Auvellar, 20 Spy's Deight, Victory Anthem (5th), Seenschande, Atautk (8th), 33 Commodity Broker, Hame-Cruise, Profewood Goldon, J. B Saucy Done, 15 san. 15t, 141, 161, 33, 35t, 14 A J Wiston at Cheltenham. Tota: £29.70; £5.40, £2.50, £1.10. DF: £80.00. CSF: £86.04 NR; Cardinal Red, Noble Periner, Ruitly

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

Ludlow

Going: good (good to firm in places)

2.00 (2m St hdis) 1. COASTING (J Frost, 2-1 fav), 2. Dagaz (N Wellsmann, 3-1; 3. Silevensmaddy (S McNell, 6-1) ALSO RAN: 10 Cobbiers Cooler, 12 Poppy Charn (4th), 14 Kingeley (pz.), 16 Branned Stroite, Young Joe (pd.), 20 Jet, 25 Bold Imp, Lestothewikings, 30 Brother Bas. 50 Anjub (5th). Grindley Brook (pd.), Kelly Owens (6th), My Tata. 16 ran. 291, 12, 3, 9, 51 G Belding at Dorchester. Toler. 23-10, E1-10, E1-40, E1-80, DF. £2-90. CSF: £8-58. MR: Cametot Knight.

2.30 (2m hdie) 1, CREAM AND GREEN (D J Mothatt, 10-1); 2, Just A Memory (P Davies, 10-1); 3. Fearmone (N Pariser, 8-1). ALSO RAN. 5-2 fav Norfolk Thetch (6th), 8 Mighty Prince (ps), Yarkee Pyer, 8 Blanton Reserve (5th), 9 Grey Sonata (ps), 14 Captain Marmening (4th), 33 Royst Hunt (7 11 ; J Driscolf), Joyumess. 50 Bwana Kall, Raw Talent, Good Buy Basiey's, Little Bang, 15 ran 103, 394, nk, 12, 41. K White at Aston Marasiow Tole 212 60; 23 40, £2 90, £2-40. DF: £47 40. CSF: £100, 22. No 10-2. Reserved. Going: good (good to fints in places)

CSF. E100.22. No bid.
3.00 (3m ch) 1, RONANS BIRTHDAY (C Maude. 5-1; Richard Evans's nep); 2. Tug Of Gold (R Durwnody, 2-1 law); 3. Fartitisa Boy (R Guest, 9-2), ALSO RAN; 11-4 Mountebor (bd), 11-2 Kilbenon (pd), 25 Headin' On (5th), 50 Paddy Buck (4th), Ben Led (f), 15 cm. 34, 2, 30, 35t. P Hobbs at Minehaed. Tota: 27.70, E150, E1.10, E1.40, DF; E11.90, CSF; E15.15. Thosat: 454.42.
3.30 (2m 51 hole) 1, ANNICOMBE RUN (E Tiempy, 9-2); 2, Transmit (L Wyer, 12-1); 3, Fighting Jessica (R Supple, 7-1). ALSO RAN; 4 fav Lave Falls (f), 5 Redgrave (fit) (fit), Grenagh (cu), 13-2 Shadeux, 12 Fleurone (4th), 14 Dominion Treasure, 16 Andreiot (5th), 33 Sunset Sam, 11 ran. Hd, 21, 244, 31 nk; R Lae at Prentsigns. Tota: 44 60; 52 10, 54 20, E1.80, DF; 26550. CSF; ESS.48. Tricast. E246 42 MF; Caetighero.

PI.80. DF. 236.50. CSF: 253.48. Tricaet. 2348.42. NR: Caetiglero. 4.00 (2m 4i ch) 1, LAKE MASSION (J. Caborne, 13-8 tav): 2, Hickelton Lad (R. Durssood), 7-1), 3, Hot Company (T. Well. 50-1), ALSO RAN 9-4 Ernset Knight (ur), 6 Fizst Crack (f), 12 Singing Sam (f), 20 Clare Lad (5th), The Pod's Revenge (4th), 100 Grey Whisters (pu), Head Lad (6th), Record Edge (f). 11 ran. 61, 101, 201, nk,

dist S Sherwood at East latery Tota.

\$270: \$1.50, \$1.70, \$4.90. DF. \$2.20.
\$287: \$12.89

4.30 (2m 44 ch) 1, CONNATE (Mr J Farthing, 4-1); 2, Ceitie Lateure (Mrs R Victory, 9-4 tex), 3, Thiet Of Bagdad (Mr G Hammer, 15-1) ALSO RAN: \$2 Trust The Gypsy (4th), 6 Rose-Lane (6th), 10 Cawarra Lad (bd), 20 Kathy Cook, 33 Glamgram's Best (od), 50 Red Bolt (ps), Volgans Love (5th), Carry The Can (co), 100 Beget (f), Closed Cheser, First Touch (ps), Young Outlew (ps), Wild Moon (f) 16 ma. 231, 8, 7, 20, 8, R Barber at Beerminster, Tote: \$0.50, \$2.50, \$1.90, \$3.70.

5.00 (2m hdie) 1, KING'S RARITY (R)

Vinne at Wendover Tote £2 40 DF

21 10 CFS £4 31

3.45 (3m hdie) 1 MASTER DANCER

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Norman Howell looks at the 1992 Formula One motor racing season and assesses the prospects of cars and drivers

Mansell sets off in pursuit of an elusive title

THE winter lay-off has been shorter than usual and a number of teams have only drivers and sponsorship deals at the last moment. But the curtain goes up on the 1992 Formula One motor racing season this weekend in South Africa with a mixture of the familiar and the not so

The South African grand prix returns to the calendar for the first time since 1985. when Nigel Mansell brought Williams a victory. Mansell will be behind the wheel of a williams again on Sunday but the Kyalami track, near Johannesburg, has a new look, Mansell's rivals for the title will also be different but the main opposition will be instantly recognisable.

McLaren do not have their McLaren do not have their new car ready for the race and have opted to play safe by bringing last year's model, in which Ayrton Senna won the drivers' champlonship, to this

Despite this, McLaren and Honda, their Japanese part-ners, are favourites to retain both the constructors' and the drivers vitles. But Williams and Renault would like to spoil the party and they have some strong cards to play. The first, of course, is

Mansell. This may be his last fling and his move to Florida has prompted renewed speculation that he may wish to drive in Indy-Cart, the Ameri-can domestic series for which he expressed great interest last year. But he is determined to make another attempt at winning the Formula One title that has so eluded him.

For this, he says, he has trained like never before and will even move into a house near Williams's headquarters in Didcor.

Whether he makes it or not will probably come down to how reliable his Williams will be. Last year, the team's brave attempt to introduce a new gearbox to a new car cost points. The winter testing has focused on the active suspensions and on this development the championship may hinge. An active system allows the car's electronics to control the ride height; previously it was the driver who adjusted it, usually in conjunction with weight and balance changes caused by the falling fuel level or the tyres

wearing unevenly.

All of these data and more can be programmed into the on-board computer. The ad-

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1991 POSITIONS

DRIVERS: 1, A Senna, 96pts; 2, N Mansell, 72, 3, F Petrase, 53; 4, G Berger, 43; 5, A Prost, 34; 6, N Piquet, 26,5; 7, J Alesi, 21; 8, 5 Modern, 10; 9, de Cesaris, 9, 10, R Moreno, 8; 11, P Martini, 8; equal 12, J Llehtb, 8 Gachol, M Schumacher, 4; equal 15, S Nataima, M Halddren, M Brundle, 2 equal 18, A Suzaiti, J Belley, E Pitro, E Genfard, I Capelli, M Blundell, 1; 24, G Morbidell, 0.5.

CONSTRUCTORS: 1, McLaren-Hond 139pts; 2, Williams-Renauft, 125: Ferrari, 55.5; 4, Benetion-Ford, 38.5; Jorden-Ford, 13; 6, Tyrrel-Honda, 12; Minardi-Ferrari, 6; 8, Datan-Jucid, equal 9, Lobus-Jucid, Brabham-Yamah 3; 11, Loia-Ford, 2; 12, Leyton House Biroc, 1.



But Prost, like Nelson Piquet, another former world champion who is out this season, may have become too greedy and Formula One has had to tighten its collective belt. The recession has found, and eliminated, the weaker

ham, Andrea Moda Formula, March and Larrousse. have made it only by casting spells over generous, and perhaps naive, money men. But they are there, and all credit to them.

Ferrari, has had a good winter, not so much on the test track but on the management front. Luca di Montezemolo, looks like a formidable backroom, made up of expericould really do with a steady young, relatively inexperi-

Like her, another who can the international governing body. Now the honeymoon is

tivities on the track.



vantage lies in that the driver is less likely to make errors, because he can, as with the semi-automatic gearbox, concentrate wholly on driving without taking the steering wheel.

When Mansell won in 1985, he had a Honda engine and one of his main

gine and one of his main rivals then was Alain Prost. The absence of Prost, a three times world champion, has cast a shadow over this year's proceedings, even if it is likely that he will slip into a Ligier during the Formula One

Some teams, such as Brab-

Prost's former team, Harvey Postlethwaite and Niki Lauda, a formidale trio, have arrived, leading what enced designers and engineers. However, the team appears to be weak on the track: the pit crew has suffered a bloodletting, so Jean Alesi and Ivan Capelli, who hand, are left instead with

enced race engineers. Jordan and Lotus are sure to give a good account of themselves and attention will be focused on Giovanna Amati, a 29-year-old Italian woman, driving car No. 8. She will soon find that, once the red light turns to green, the hard-edged competitive-ness of the division will take

expect no favours is Max Mosley, the president of Fisa. over, there will be many gunning for him, especially those loyal to the man he ousted last year, Jean-Marie Balestre. Mosley has announced that he will be standing for re-election at the end of this year. That is an invitation to the kind of open warfare that has been associated with ac-



THIS IS the F92A, the car that Ferrari hope will restore their fortunes and take them back into contention for the world championship after last year, one of the worst in the Scuderia's history.

The revised model numbering system, introduced by Luca di Montezemolo, the new president of Ferrari, is one small example of the total rethink that has been happening at Maranello, the team's headquarters near Bolo-

It has taken a huge effort for Ferrari to ready three cars for the start of the Formula One season

showing in 1991, morale was at rock bottom at Ferrari. Montezemolo immediately recalled Harvey Postlethwaite and made him the technical supremo. The first thing he insisted on was the construction of the F92A model, which had been planned by Jean Claude Migeot, the Frenchman already responsible for the inno-

seasons ago.
Postlethwaite pushed and harried and finally, on February 6, the first car was ready. It took everyone by surprise: an

vative design of the Tyrrell two

extraordinary-looking machine full of courageous and innovative aerodynamic solutions.

Migeot is happy to acknowledge that he has for a long time studied the design of fighter planes and, at first glance the F92A is most striking because of the huge air intakes on the sidenods.

This is to find a more effective way of cooling the radiators which as most grands prix take place in high ambient temperatures, is a constant problem. From head-on the profile of the F92A is very similar to that of the

F15 fighter aircraft. But that perspective also reveals the other big change to last year's model, a change that is as revolutionary as his raised-nose breakthrough at

Migeot has hung a new, flat bottom of the chassis of the car. The reason for this is that all airflow studies on Formula One cars concern three areas - above the car, inside and below.

The first takes in the general shape of the car and the front and rear wings; the second is con-cerned with making as perme-able as possible the driver's area. the third with the way air flows underneath the car.

This is where Lotus all those years ago came up with the infamous miniskirts, subsequently banned, in order to channel the airflow to the car's advantage. Migeot has thought of channelling part of the underflow through this new flat bottom which hangs 15cm from the flat part of the underside. If it works, and there has been much windtunnel testing of this, this sol-ution should help make the car slip better through the air and be

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McLaren

Drivers: No. 1, A Senna (Br), aged 31, 126 grands prix, 33 wins, debut 1984; 2, G Berger (Austria), 32, 115, 6, 1984. Engine: Honda V12.

would be the No. 1 driver. In South Africa, the car will be the same as that which ended the 1991 season winning the championship, though Honda are bound to have improved their V12 engine

Drivers: 5, N Mansell (GB), 37, 165, 21, 1980; 6, R Patrese (It), 37, 224, 5, 1977. Engine: Renault V10.

Last year's runners-up and still the only team with a realistic chance of taking the title away from McLaren. It remains to be seen whether the active suspension, if and when used, will prove to be an adventage or a hindrance to Nigel Mansell in particular. This most be his last chance to win a world title.

Benetton Drivers: 19, M Schumacher (Ger), 23, 6, 0, 1991; 20, M Brundle (GB), 32, 83. Engine: Ford V8.

Martin Brundle and Michael Schumacher will do well, but the Isam is m disarray because a number of key personnel left to jorn John Bamard's proposed link with Toyota. The arrival of Tom Wallunshaw should stiffen the Isabharel side but the Esset 18 assisse rechnical side, but the Ford V8 engine may be outpowered by the other teams V10s and V12s.

hiring of Niki Lauda should sort out and ruining thuch of the team's effort. The new car looks good, the engine is bound to be one of the best and the drivers have everything

Jordan Orivers: 32, S Moderia (It), 28, 58, 0, 1987; 33, M Gugelmin (Br), 28, 58, 0,

1992 may be a tough year for Eddie Jordan and his irish team. The arrival of Yamahs is a big step forward in the long term, but, in the short term, the team may have to suffer a number of failures while the Japanese get their act together. The money seems to be there and, in Stefano Modera, they have one of the season's potential winners.

Tyrrell Orivers: 3, O Groutland (Fr), 33, 25, 0, 1989; 4, A de Cesans (ff), 32, 165, 1, 1980 Engine: Ilmar V10

Against the odds, Ken Tyrrell has managed to sort out a learn for this season. The recession has hit Formula One hard and Tyrrell struggled through the winter to find an engine deal and drivers. The Ilmor engine has a line pedigree in the United States: but has been lackustre in Formula One. Tyrrell may be let down by his drivers.

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been at home in this nether-

world. It is a disreputable

area which was ingloriously

defined at Parc des Princes.

two weeks ago.

GUIDE TO THE TEAMS AND DRIVERS FOR THE 1992 SEASON Drivers: 29, B Gachot (Bel), 29, 15, 0, 1989; 30, U Katayama (Japan), 28, 0, 0, 1992. Engine: Lamborghini V12.

Another team that only just made it through the winter, allhough it is still in a form of suspended receivership. The season will be one long financial struggle and it is soul to see Bertma Geobet or Ution Katayama, the newcomer, making much of an impression.

Andrea Moda Formula Drivers: 34. A Caffi (it), 27, 56, 0, 1986, 35, E Bertaggia (it), 27, 0, 0, 1992. Engine: Judd V10

This is the old Colon team. It failed to qualify last year. This year, it has already incurred major troubles and yesterday evening was disqualified from appearing in the season's first grand prix.



Drivers: 23, C Fittipaldi (Br), 21, 0, 0, 1992, 24, G Morbidelli (II), 24, 19, 0, 1990.

Minardi Vicini Co.

e size of its o to accommodate the engine. Gian Morbidelli is a solid driver and if Christian Fribeld is made of the same stuff as his tather and uncle, this could be a good year.

Scuderia Italia Drivers: 21, J.J Lehto (Fin), 26, 23, 0, 1989, 22, P Martini (II), 30, 70, 0, 1890. Engine: Ferrari V12.

This is where the Ferrari engine has gone and it will be interesting to see whether they can do better than Minardi with it. They impressed last year, doing much with lew resources Pierluki Martini has a year's experience with the Ferrari power unit, while JJ Lehto is one to watch for the podium.

Lotus

Lotus could provide the surprises this season. The engine is the reliable Ford V8, the team is experienced and ably led by Peter Collins and Peter Wright and the drivers are potentially two of the best on the grid. They are hungry for success and even seem to have the night money behind them

March Saldon medical : Engine: Ilmor V10.

This is last season's Leyton House team which has shed its Footwork

Engine; Honda V10.

It is hard to see this item doing much, despite the presence of the Honda-Mugen engine. It proved to be heavy and unreliable in last year's Tyrrell

Fondmetal. Drivers: 14, A Chiesa (Switz), 27, 0, 0, 1992, 15, G Tarquini (II), 29, 24, 0, Engine: Ford V8

This is an Italian team made in England. The car is built near Bicester and the Ford engine is also British. Gabnele Tarquini is an able journeyman wine Andrea Cheesa is the latest of a batch of good F3000 drivers who have managed to get a Formula One drive, though all this team can give him is experience.

Ligier Drivers: 25, T Boutsen (Bet), 34, 137, 3, 1983; 26, E Comes (Fr), 28, 13, 0, 1991.

This week, Alain Prost said he would not drive in South Africa, so Theory Boutsen and Erik Comas can get on with the job, but it must be unsetting for the learn to have the uncertainty. This may nuffly any advantage over the other second division teams that the Renaut engine might have provided.

Brabham . Drivers: 7, E van de Poele (Bel), 30, 1, 0, 1991, 8, G Amati (It), 29, 0, 0, 1992. Engine: Judd V10.

One of the teams hardest-hit by the recession, Brabharn had to leave their base in Chessington and relocate in Milton Keynes. They tost people and subsequently the chance to sign a Japanese driver, who would have brought much-needed sponsorship. The eleventh-hour signing of Giovenna Amati has brought some relief.

Mansell: last chance?

Ipswich championship hopes suffer setback

HOCKEY

By Alix Ramsay

THE destination of the free weekends being available Typhoo national league tro-phy may well be decided tomorrow, but its final resting place will have as much to do with the chaotic scheduling of the All England Women's Hockey Association (AEWHA) as with the perfor-

mances of the top clubs. The key match is between the league leaders. Slough, and third-placed Ipswich. Ipswich must win to keep their title hopes alive, while Leicester, in second piace, will be hoping that Ipswich can at least force a draw, allowing Leicester to make up lost ground on the defending

champions. But Ipswich's hopes of success have not been helped by the AEWHA's decision to hold an England Under-21 training session this weekend, so depriving the Suffolk club of its talented young goalkeeper, Hilary Rose. The AEWHA would not allow the clubs to reschedule the fixture when the announcement was made in January, despite two that month.

Ipswich's problems were should be played on Satur-day, but at I am.

After weeks of wrangling, both teams are frustrated with Ipswich having to play their most important fixture with a depleted team. At the same time, the AEWHA has informed Leicester and Slough that, if they cannot rearrange their final fixture, they will have to play midweek - a decision that, if applied to the Slough and Ipswich problem, would have

Time to give the scrum short shrift

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TO TAKE rugby union referees to task is not a habit need for referees to be more Gerald Davies delves into the subterranean world of the scrummage and

with which this column feels entirely at ease. Less so when the subject matter concerns the scrum, which, you will understand, one has always observed from a very discreet distance and felt confident to pass only modest comment on.

The referees are, after all. as maligned a species of scapegoat as can be found on the planet, open as much to crude abuse — only vocal so far, thank goodness — as to ribald comment. Apart from Eoin Doyle, of Ireland, who seems to carry his cares lightly, they have an increasingly careworn, even hunted, look about them.

They appear to be doing their best. But in relation to the scrum, I wonder whether, in fact, they are. The scrum remains an untidy, often time-consuming area of the game. New Zealand, and increasingly Australia. see it as merely another opportunity to restart play. without delay. Not so in Europe.

If the lineout is a freedom

A large part of the problem, as a Welsh rugby union video shows, is that referees do not pay sufficient attention to the scrum formation. Dilatoriness provokes misdemeanours, time-wast-

ing ferments aggression.
The critical penalty try for England in Paris is a case in point. There were three set scrums. If we ignore the first, when Dewi Morris cunningly, but illegally, tapped the ball back into charter for the renegade to the scrum, the second and wasting run riot in an open house, third scrums highlight the ensue.

vigilant.
The scrum forms twice. The first goes according to the laws, after the packs form an arm's-length apart.

They crouch (they do not

Amati: difficult start

visible to the naked eye, the touch, as the law recommends, but then this may not be necessary), pause and engage. The referee is dissatisfied the thug to perpetrate his mischief under cover of with Gimbert, and insists that the players get up and talk to him. However, he does not ask the scrum to retreat before reforming, and the procedures are ignored. This set-piece lasts

> Alex Wyllie, of New Zealand, it should only be a matter of five seconds concentration).

55 seconds (according to

Quite often, referees will turn their backs on the scrum after it has formed. They will not insist that the front rows retreat an arm'slength away, and allow them to wrestle with each other while the scrum half goes searching for the ball. They will tolerate one front row not engaging immediately with the other. Timewasting and aggravation

point emerging from the WRU educational cassette by Ken Rowlands, a former international referee and now the referees' development officer in Wales, is that the officials must follow more strictly the set of procedures at all times. To begin with, no scrum should ever begin its forma-tion until the ball is in the

However, the salient

front rows should always form an arm's length away from the opposition, crouch and then engage. Standards should be set by the referee and coaches made aware of them. Failure to follow correct proce-

scrum half's hands, and he

is ready to put it in. The

dures, or unnecessary delay, should be punished. Whereas a penalty may be too harsh for these transgressions (unless it is a repeated infringement) there ought to be an amendment so that free kicks could more readily be awarded. Furthérmore, in order to lessen set-piece play, such free kicks should not be allowed to be kicked directly out of play, other than with-in the 22-metre line.

made worse when they discovered their second-string goalkeeper. Penny Dunnett, was committed to a second XI league tie on Saturday. Ips-wich wanted to move the fixture to the morning to leave Dunnett free for both matches, but Slough did not want to travel on Friday for an early Saturday start. As Slough refused to play midweek, the AEWHA waited until Monday before ruling the match

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The world No. 1's predictions about his putting are proved only too accurate

Woosnam is left speechless

FROM MEL WEBB IN VALENCIA

IAN Woosnam proved yesterday that he had been speaking no less than the unadorned truth the previous day when he said that his game was all over the place. first round of the Mediterranean Open at El Bosque, which might have been a great deal better had he not experienced a dreadful attack of the jitters in the space of four holes around the turn.

He was three under par after six holes, but then collapsed to two over by going bogey, bogey, double bogey, bogey from the 9th. When he first hit trouble he was play-ing well but putting badly. By the time he touered off the 12th green, sadly, everything had gone to pot. Never mind Amen Corner, this was more

like Goodbye Gulch. Woosnam, who finished the day seven strokes off the pace being set by Eric Giraud, of France, had birdies at the 4th, 5th and 6th. Then came calamity. On the 9th he three-putted from 25 feet and loosed an oath that owed everything to Anglo-Saxon and little to his Celtic

At the next he was short of the green in two, missed from 12 feet, and dropped another shot. He drove a couple of yards out of bounds on the 11th, planted his second tee shot in a gully on the left, missed the green on the right. and failed to get up and down result, a seven.

Not content with that, he then three-putted the parthree 12th and stalked off looking pale and angry, but not, in all honesty, very sur-prised. He declined afterwards to embroider his

STEVE Rees's straight-sets victory over Andy Thomson

yesterday set up an all-Weish semi-final in the Midland Bank World Indoor Singles

His next opponent, John

Price of Swansea, who beat

Jim Baker, the 1984 champi-

on, on Tuesday, is not only a

club colleague of Rees, but

also his pairs partner. To-

gether they won the Welsh title in 1984, lost in the world

indoor final in 1987 and

reached their national semi-

Rees's game plan was to exploit the long jacks, but his tactics changed when the An-

glo-Scot began to settle well

After winning the opening

set 7-6. Rees's confidence

grew visibly on shorter jacks.

He forced Thomson into er-

rors until the three-time Eng-

land champion appeared

thoroughly demoralised.

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disappointment with a plea in mitigation. It was pretty understandable, actually; there was not much the poor chap could have said.

His experience contrasted sharply with that of the leader, young Giraud, who had an eagle and three birdies in his 67. He has already played above himself, and it will be a surprise if, after 72 holes, he is still a shot in front of José-Maria Olazábal, as he was

yesterday. Olazábal, one of five players on 68, had five birdies, and if that was not entertainment enough, even threw in a short but warmly contested tiff with a spectator on the 7th for good measure. Apparently the man decided he knew more about the game than agreed. "I gave him an ironic reply," Olazabal said. So that's what they mean by

BOWLS

Rees prepares for

Welsh showdown

By DAVID RHYS JONES



Olazábal: scored a fine opening 68 despite an altercation with a spectator

Indoor championships are given the cold shoulder

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN GENOA

strikes, Rees sealed his fate by killing the one good end that Thomson produced in the THE European indoor but with many of the best third set and the 7-6, 7-1, 7-1 athletes concentrating on their preparations for the Olympic Games in Barcelona scoreline in no way flattered the Welshman. Gary Smith, Thomson's have to look hard to find events of any substantial pairs pariner, appeared destined to make a similarly quick exit when he lost the quality. The best exception is the women's high jump. first two sets to Wynne Richwhich brings together the ards, but he regained his first six from the outdoor touch after two firing shots

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spent to bring the champion-ships here, most of it financed

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The programme today

by the Italian federation.

the fourth set. His next bowl was an inchperfect draw and he dropped only one more shot on his way to a remarkable 6-7, 2-7, 7-1, 7-3, 7-0 victory.

brought him three shots in

Senior players competing the Preston Guild Hall have formed a Professional Bowlers' Association and have elected David Bryant to be their chairman.

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FIRST DIVISION: New Casege bpd Osler House; Wachsun bpd Osler House; Wachsun bpd Osler House; Wolfson bpd St Catherine's; University bpd Basenose; Pembroke bpd Keble; St Hilda's bpd Keble. St House; St Anne's; bpd St House; Worcester bpd St Anne's; Christ Church bpd Balliot; Crief bpd Balliot; St John's bpd Balliot; St John's bpd Balliot; St Letter bpd Lincolar; Megdalen bpd St Peter's; Lincore bpd Wedhern II; Merton II bpd Wachsm II; Cueen's bpd Wedhern II; Osler House II bpd St Hugh's II; Crief II bpd St Hugh's II. Crief II bpd St Hugh's II. Crief II bpd St Hugh's II. Crief II. Spd Corpus Christi; Pembroke II bpd Corpus Christ; New College II bpd St Catherine's II; St Catherine's II bpd Corpus Christ; Kable II bpd University II; Mansfeld bpd Couper's II.

Today's starting order

Oxford .

could hardly be thinner, though multi-events enthusiasts will not be complaining, as it contains the women's pentathlon and the men's and Sunday and, from an Italian perspective, interest will centre on the 3,000 metres, in which Gennaro Di Napoli, Stefano Mei and Alessandro Lambruschini world championship in Towill be attempting to sweep all the medals in the absence

Only the host country, Itaof the fastest European, Dietly, of the leading nations has a team which reflects its abili-ty. Britain, for example, has not one of its outdoor European champions here. Not that the Italian public has been fooled. There are plenty of tickets unsold in a 8,500-capacity stadium. It is a disappointing return for the \$1.5 million which has been

er Baumann, of Germany. It will be interesting to see how the young Briton, John Mayock, handles the race. If it is slow and depends on a fast finish, Mayock could be in with a shout. He is the World Student Games 5,000 metres champion who was picked for experience's sake after failing to set the guideline time required for selection by Britain. He benefits from training with Peter El-liott, the Commonwealth

Di Napoli's switch from his normal distance, the 1,500 metres, leaves Matthew Yates, of Britain, with an the shorter event. Much will depend on whether Fermin Cacho, the Spaniard who ran so well indoors last winter, turns up and shows his old form. So far, his best this season is only 3min 40.53sec. The pole vault is denied not

1,500 metres champion.

only Sergey Bubka, but his two leading CIS team-mates, Grigory Yegerov and Rodion Gataullin. It has been sug-gested that this most powerful of pole-vaulting nations has arrived here filling only two of its three permitted places. Although Linford Christie and John Regis, of Britain, are missing from the sprints, the 60 metres and 200 metres look like being tough events, which should produce worthy

FOOTBALL

Anderlecht open to offers for gifted Lamptey

By Peter Robinson

WITH one simple statement. Anderlecht may have sparked the wildest transfer scramble Europe has seen in years. Nii Lamptey, the Ghanaian prodigy, aged 17, already christened a likely heir to Pelė and Diego Maradona, is up

Although his contract with Anderlecht runs for another five years, Lamptey, it seems, could leave the Belgian club in the near future. Yesterday, an Anderlecht official con-firmed that his directors are listening to offers, a statement tantamount to opening an auction, where the bidding might easily break the international transfer record. Young he is, but Lamptey is

Asked whether the player will be sold, Robert De Pot said: "There have been a few offers from top European clubs, Juventus is among them. If there's a good offer,

why not?"

Marseilles, who were reported to have set up a deal worth £10 million for Lamptey earlier this season, are certain to be at the forefront of the clubs pursuing Lamptey, as are most of Italy's giants. The proposal to allow Italian clubs to sign an unlimited number of overseas players next season — although they may only play three at a time — will open the way for Juventus, Milan, Na**poli** and **Torino**, who already have three Ghanaian players on contract, to try their luck. Whatever the fee, it will

represent good business for Anderlecht: they signed Lamptey, the captain of Gha-na's world champions at under-17 level, for less than £40,000 two seasons ago. Milan and Juventus, mean-

while, will resume their twohorse race for the Serie A title on Sunday after securing their places in the semi-finals

MARK Maclean, the Scot-

tish No. I and highest

ranked British player on the international circuit, yester-

day eased into the quarter-

finals of the Ballantines

Spanish Open championship

here with a calculated 15-7,

15-6, 15-11 victory over

a bent for serious gambling,

Madean attracts some re-

sentment from British play-ers for his ability to hold a place ahead of them in the

world rankings, which list

him at No. 9, when he is

regularly beaten by them in

A renowned prankster with

Hansi Wiens, of Germany.

of the Italian Cup on Wednesday night. Milan, who drew 1-1 at Torino, substituted Marco van Basten in the 23rd minute after an undignified taunt of the defender. Pasquale Bruno, whose own goal had gifted Milan the ead. Juventus were taken to extra time at Internazionale before two goals from Roberto Baggio saw them through. On Sunday, Milan

face Atalanta, while Juvenous play Genoa at home.

Both Real Madrid and Barcelona are expected to win at the weekend, maintaining the status quo at the top of the Spanish league. although Hugo Sanchez may miss Real's meeting with Sporting Gijón and Hristo Stoichkov is doubtful for Barcelona's visit to Real Oviedo. Both players are out of favour

with their clubs. Bayern Munich still command the headlines in Germany, despite their dismal form this season, and already speculation is growing about the successor to the departing Soren Lerby, their coach. Ono Rehagel, the coach of Werder Bremen, is the new favourite after a glowing tribute from Franz Beckenbauer. one of Bayern's "advisors". What Beckenbauer wants. Beckenbauer generally gets.

Limassol: The Romanian coach and three players of a Cypniot team were charged yesterday with attacking a linesman in a weekend game that sparked a riot. The coach, Angel Ioardaneskou, and the three players for Anorthosis were released after being charged. They will appear in court at a date not yet set, a police spokesman

The incident occurred last Saturday during a game between Apollo, last year's Cypriot league champions, and Anorthosis, of Famagusta.

phenomenon. The unexpected withdrawal of the world

No. 1, Jahangir Khan, in the

first round allowed Wiens, a

The Scot read the Ger-

man's naive tactics with some

ease and found time during

his 15-7, 15-6, 15-11 victory

to give the Spanish marker

advice on his calls in English.

will be Chris Walker, the Eng-

land No. 3 and world

No. 19, who yesterday beat the world No. 7, Sami

Elopuro, of Finland, 15-10.

15-6, 15-13 in 48 minutes.

Walker will doubtless wel-

come the chance of putting

McLean in what he sees as his

RUGBY UNION

BARCLAYS BRITISH POLYTECHNICS CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final: Newcastle 25, Wales 16.

CLUB MATCH: Swansee University 14. Oxford University 18.

SQUASH RACKETS

MADRID: Spanish Open championship: Second round: M Macken (Scot) bit M Wens (Ger), 15-7, 15-6, 15-11; R Eyles (Aus) bt R Norman (NZ), 11-15, 15-14, 15-8, 15-11; R Martin (Aus) bt T Nancarrow (Aus), 15-10, 15-4, 15-18 Martin (Aus) bt A Hill (Aus), 15-6, 17-15, 15-12.

TENNIS

CROYDON: LTA men's indoor satelites tournaments Second round; 3 Sates bit M Petchey, 6-4, 6-3; D Septions of N Broad 8-4, 6-1; C Williams of L Matthews, 6-2, 6-2; M Barnard (SA) we P Knocelski (US), ser; M Ardingtis (I) bit C Balley, 6-3, 6-4; R Knong (SA) bit C Fall (Swe), 6-4, 6-1, 8 Hickardson bit 8 Carry (SA), 6-4, 8-1; B Joelson (US) bit D Bosse (SA), 7-5, 4-3, net

ROTTERDAM: Men's tournament: Second round: P Hashrius (Neth) bit Lendt (C2), 8-1, 7-5, JMcErnos (US) bit D Princed (Ges), 7-6, 6-3: A Antoniusch (Austras) bit J Apell (Swe), 6-4, 6-2: G Prote (Croates) bit 7 httpssar (Neth), 7-5, 7-8; B Becker (Ger) bit A Juryd (Swe), 6-2, 6-4; A Volkov (CS) bit J Grabb (US), 6-3, 6-3

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Men's tourne-ment: Second Found: A Chesnokov (CS) by D Pestariu (Rom), 7-5, 6-0; S Pescosekol (fi) bit Mush (Ven), 6-3, 6-4; C Caratti (fi) bit J Oncare (Br), 6-4, 6-1; M Rossel (Switz) bit A Agassa (US), 7-5, 7-6

His semi-final opponent

qualifier, to go through.

SQUASH RACKETS

Gambler cashes in

on a lucky break

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN MADRID

SNOOKER

Adversity assists Wattana again

BY PHIL YATES

SHOULD James Wattana win his first tournament in Britain by capturing the Pearl Assurance British Open title in Derby tomorrow, it will not be the first time in professional snooker that a family bereavement has strengthened a player's re-solve rather than destroyed it

On Tuesday, after compil-ing a maximum 147 break during a 5-1 sixth round vic-tory over Tony Drago, Wattana was informed that his father had been shot dead in his native Bangkok. However, it was impossible to detect any adverse reaction to the tragic news as Wattana joy 5-3 to reach the semi-finals. yesterday beat Doug Mount-

Wattana said: "I'm feeling good in a strange sort of way. I'm thinking about my father quite a lot but I know I've got some important matches before I can get home. I'm trying to let the whole thing be a positive help."

In 1984, while mourning the death of his mother. Dennis Taylor won the Rothmans Grand Prix title - his first major triumph after 13 relatively fruitless years on the circuit. Sourred on by a desire to "unite the family in joy as well as in grief and sorrow". Taylor became world champion six months later.

Jimmy White, the world No. 3 who has failed to claim a first prize since the World Masters 13 months ago, also reached the semi-finals, with a 5-3 win over Terry Griffiths. White, successful against Griffiths in 11 of their previous 15 meetings, made breaks of 70, 105, 51, and 87 during a convincing perfor-

The European Open. which carries a total prize fund of £150,000, has been switched from the Matchroom Schijnpoort in Antwerp to the Sportcentrum Heco in Tongeron, Belgium. The event dates, March 11-14, remain unaltered.

RESULTS: Quarter-finels; J White (Eng) bit T Griffeths (Wales), 5-3, Frame accres (White first) 77-9, 105-1, 25-71, 90-18, 96-6 39-79, 25-66, 71-10, J Watteres (Thei) bit D (Watters Smit): 45-67, 90-4, 71-7, 9-74, 0-121, 112-0, 83-5, 73-46.

IN BRIEF

Longo to sue federation

Jeannie Longo, eight times the world cycling champion. who was dropped from the French team after a dispute over pedals, has decided to sue the French Cycling Federation for the right to compete at the Barcelona Olympics.

Her lawyer, Andre Soulier, said yesterday that Longo hoped a federation ruling that she use the official pedals would be suspended. Longo returned to cycling last July

after a two-year retirement. Racers suspended

Ice hockey: The Murrayfield Racers coach. Koopmans, and player Roger nite suspensions by the British Ice Hockey Association following an inquiry into incidents at the game with Bracknell Bees last saturday.

Prean alone

Table tennis: Carl Prean is England's only representative in the European Top 12 tournament which begins in Vienna today, Friday The defending champion is Erik Lindh, but two other Swedes, the world champion, Jorgen Persson, and former world champion, Jan-Ove Waldner, are strongly fancied.

Agassi falls

Tennis: The second seed, Andre Agassi, was beaten 7-5. 7-6 by the young Swiss player, Marc Rosset, in a tournament in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Huber on course

Bobsleighing: Gunther Huber, driving Italy I, rose from fifth to third position on the last run of the World Cup event at St Moritz, which guaranteed the World Cup two-man title for him and Stefano Ticci

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FIRST DIVISION: Clare bpd New Halt; Selwyn bpd St Catharine's; Downing bpd Girtor; Robinson bpd Christ's. SECOND SUVISION: Pembroke bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity; Corpus Christi bpd GMABC, Magdalene bpd Newhern #; Clare # bpd Peterhouse; Selwyn # bpd Christ'h #. THIRD DIVISION: Selwyn # bpd Girton #. ThIRD DIVISION: Selwyn # bpd Girton #. Sydney Sussex bpd LAIBC #f. St Catherine's # bpd Darwin; Cusers' # bpd Honserton #; Robinson # bpd Christ's #; Corpus Christi # bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity #; Magdalene # bpd Pembroke #.

Today's starting order

FIRST DIVISION: Trinity Hall, Jeaus, Downing, Pembroke, Caus, LMBC, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Churchill, Emmanuel, salwyn, Queens', Magdalene, Care, Chaff's, Fitzwilliams, SI Catherine's. SECOND DIVISION: LABC II, Robinson, Jeaus II, 1st and 3rd Trinity II, Downing II, Caus II, Pembroke II, Peterhouse, Girton, King's, Corpus Christi, Schney, Sussex, Sewyn II, Trinity Hall II, Jease III, Care II, Trinity Hall II, Jease III, Care II, Care III, Care III, Care III, Care II, C

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HHID DIVISION: Churchill 8, Girton 8, Wolfson, Sydney Sussex 8, LMBC III, Calus II, SI Cattinene's II, Derwin, Queens' II, Homerton II, Robinson R, Christ's II, 1st and 3rd Trinity II, Magdalene 8, Pembroke II, Downing 8, Trinity Hall 9.

18), Worthing Bears 95 (Baker 18, Spaid 16).

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP: Semi-final series: Pool A: Kalen Tellina (Estonia) 112, Olympique of Antibes 98.
Pool B: Estudientes Macirid 90, Bayer Levericusen 78.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston Cellica 130, Indiana Peoera 108; Orlando Mago 85, Philadelphia 76ers 99; Mannesota Timberwoives 106, Dalias Mavericka 105, Chicago Bulla 122, Washington Bullera 105; Houston Rockets 118, Golden State Warriora 116, Misera 119; Golden State Warriora 116, Denrer Nuggers 96; Phoenis Juna 103, Cleveland Cavatiers 100; Los Angeles Lakers 81, New York Knicke 68.

ST MORITZ: World Cup: Two-mare 1, Switzerland I (G Weder and D Acklin), 2min 10.86sec, 2, Canada I. 2:11.18; 3, Laby 1, 2:11.35; 4, Switzerland II, 2:11.18; 5, Entlain I (M Tout and P Field), 2:11.54; 5, Canada II, 2:11.58; 7, Britain I (N Phipps and D Armstrong), 2:11.50. Final placings (after twe events): 1, G Huber 191, 150ps; 2, Weder, 145; 3, Tout, 160; 4, Lochner, 136; 5, Lori, 131; 6, W Hoppe (Ger), 118.

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SYDNEY: New South Wales Open: First round (Australia unless stated). 65: C Parry. 67: T Price. 68: R Allenby. 69: K Trimble, C Gray, P O'Madey, C Mann, G Welte (NC) British accret: 77: C Ledge: WAILEA, Hawali: Kemper women's open: First round (Life unless stated): 66: M Berteotti. 67: D Mochrie. 68: D Coe (Can), H Alfredeaun (Swe). 68: S Berning. 70: K Williams, B Tiomas, P Smit, R Reiby, S Little, M Edge, A Alcott, J Geddes, B Burton, G Grahem (Can). British scornes: 71: L Davise, P Johnson. 72: K Davise, C Piarca. 73: P Wright.

NATIONAL, LEAGUE (NHL): Montreel Canadiens 4, Minneola Rorth Stars 1, Edmonton Oliera 6, Winnepeg Jets 1; San Jose Sharks 7, Quebec Nordiques 4 RINGRY | FAGISE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Hull 34, Halfax 10; Featherstone 29, Warrington E. Second division: Workington 4, Rochdale 5.

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Brack 3, United States 0 (at Forializar),
ITALIAN CUIP: Quarter-finals, second leg; internazionale 1, Juventus 2 (egg: 1-3), Turin 1, AC Milen 1 (egg: 1-3); AS Forne 1, Sempdorfs 1 (egg: 1-2).
LIBERTADORES CUIP: Group one: Coquiento Unido (Chile) 3, Universidad Calipica 2 (Chile); Nevelta Ctil Boys (Arg) 0, Sen Lorento (Arg) 5, Group Jour: America (Cot) 2, Nacional (Cot) 0; Sporting Cristal (Peru) 1, Sport Boys (Peru) 1.
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FA CUIP: Fifth round replays: Liverpool 3, Ipawich 2 (set; score 1-1 at 90min): Microstrough 2, Porsmouth 4; Southerpool 3, Bolton Wanderers 2 (set; score 2-2 at 90min): West Ham United 2, Sanderlend 3.
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S AND 0. SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Clydebank 2. Striling 1; Idimarnock 1, Reith Rovers 0.
SA TROCHY: Third-mound replay. FA TROPHY: Third-round replay: Gateshead 0, Teirord 1.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: loswich 3, Fuham 2, Cusen's Park Rangers 1, Luton 3.

PONTING CENTRAL LEAGUE: First citylsion: Newcastle 2, Coveniny 0, West Bromwich 2, Sheffield Utd 0, Braction 2, Blackburn 3 Postponed: Notton Forest v Manchester City.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 0, Trovbridge 3, Micland division: Leicester Utd 1, 3oi-luil Borough 3, Sutton Codifield 3, Yate 0.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Wirsford 4, Irlam 1.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 1, Whickham 0, Galsborough 3, West Auckland 1; Shildon 1, Tow Lew 1. FA TROPHY: Third-round replay:

Guisborough 3, West Auckland 1; Shildon J, Tow Law 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Pramiser division: Armitorpa , water 8, Belpar 4, Brigg 2, Shelfield 3. DUTCH LEAGUE: Fortuna Setterd Q, Ajax Amsterdem 1; FC Volendam 2. SVV/Dordrecht 90 3. Lasging positions (after 26 matches): 1, PSV Enchoven, 43pts; 2, Feyenoard Rotterdam, 41; 3, Ajax Amsterdam, 39.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Tunisia 2, Betglum 1.

RACKETS HENDERSON NATIONAL LEAGUE Marborough by Winchester, 2-0.

RNDIAN WELLS, California: Women's tournament: Second round (US unless stated): A Coetzer (SA) bt D Grahman, 4-6, 8-0, 6-0; G Fernandez bt K Dreyer, 6-3. A Dechaume (Fr) bt Y Basuki (Indo), 7-5, 4-6, 6-2; J Wesper (Austra) bt R Fathani. Nidelfar (SA), 8-2, 6-2; H Kelen (Can) bt A Gewaldon, 6-2, 6-4; N Provis (Aus) bt L Harvey-Wild, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; P Shriver bt C Kohde-Kisch (Ger), 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

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GOLF 33

Gooch and Hick cash in as fine bowling paves way for second World Cup victory

England easily conquer the Caribbean threat

IF ENGLAND, in their anxiety, required convincing of their capacity to win cricket's World Cup, the evidence is now assembled. Only nine of the 39 games in this competition are complete but after yesterday's perfunctory treatment of West Indies, there is no question which team has been most impressive.

This was as one-sided a match as South Africa's win in Sydney 24 hours earlier and, because it lacked the passion and pathos of that

memorable. With this intimidating, 108,000-seat stadi-um less than one-fifth full, perhaps, too, the public was already betraying disaffection with its own team's plight.
The six-wicket margin was achieved with 10.1 overs in

hand, but it might have been even more. England, meticulously professional, won as they liked, claiming their eighth consecutive victory in limited-overs internationals and their fourth in succession against West Indies. Graham Gooch is seldom

SCOREBOARD FROM MEUBOARMEN

England won toss

WEST INDI	ES				
D L Haynes c Fairbrother b DeFreitas. 38	_	6s 5	4a 85	MIn 68	E
Hooked hard to square leg B C Lara c Stewart b Lewis	-	-	6	2	
*R B Richardson c Botham b Lewis 5 Drove loosely at outswinger	-	1	27	17	
C L Hooper c Reeve b Botham 5 Scooped pull high to short-extra	-	-	26	20	
K L T Arthurton c Fairbrother b DeFreitas	2	2	130	101	
Helf-hearted push to short mid-wicket A L Logie run out (Fairbrother)	1	-	42	27	
R A Harper c Hick b Reeve	-	-	20	14	
M D Marshall run out (Léwis) 3 Mix-up over unlikely run	-	-	13	8	
†D Williams c Pringle b DeFreitzs 6 Lofted drive to mid-on	-	-	19	19	
C E L Ambrose c DeFreitas b Lewis 4 Hit wide bell to third man	-	-	23	6	
W K M Benjamin not out	-	1	14	15	

Total (207 mins, 49.2 overs) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0 (Heynes 0 not out), 2-22 (Heynes 15), 3-36 (Heynes 23), 4-55 (Arthurton 4), 5-91 (Arthurton 19), 5-102 (Arthurton 27), 7-114 (Arthurton 34), 8-131 (Arthurton 43), 9-145 (Ambrose 3).

BOWLING: Pringle 7-3-18-0 (one spell): Lewis 8.2-1-30-3 (nb 1) (6-1-17-2, 2.2-0-13-1); DeFreitas 9-2-34-3 (w 2) (6-1-20-1, 3-1-14-2); Bottsam 10-0-30-1 (one spell); Reeve 10-1-23-1 (w 1) (one spell); Tutnell 5-0-20-0 (one spell); INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10 overs: 27 runs. 20: 58, 30: 90. 40: 116.

FNGLAND

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*G A Gooch st Willams b Hooper 65 Moved down wicket, changed mind	-	69 7	4e 130	Min 101	Balk
IT Botham c Williams b Benjamh 8 Drawn forward to outswinger	-	1	56	28	
R A Smith c Locie b Benjamin	-	-	29	28	
Hooking — caught at square leg G A Hick c and b Harper54 Dived for low catch	1	3	72	55	
N H Feirbrother not out	-	1	33	28	
†A J Stewart not out0	-	-	3	1	

Extras (tb 7, w 4, nb 1) Total (4 wkts, 39.5 overs, 164 mins). 160 D A Reeve, C C Lewis, D R Pringle, P A J DeFreites and P C R Tufnell did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50 (Gooch 35 not out), 2-71 (Gooch 46), 3-126 (Hick 35), 4-

BOWLING: Ambrose 8-1-28-0 (6-1-13-0, 2-0-13-0); Marshell 8-0-37-0 (nb 1, w 2) (4-0-23-0, 4-0-14-0); Berjamin 9-5-2-22-2 (nb 1, w 2) (8-2-16-2, 1.5-0-6-0); Hooper 10-1-38-1 (6-1-25-0, 4-0-13-1); Harper 4-0-30-1 (1-0-13-0, 3-0-17-1). INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10 overs: 38 runs. 20: 62. 30: 120. Man of the match: C C Lewis (adjudicator: A P Sheahan) Umpires: K Liebenberg (SA) and S Woodward (NZ).







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sumptuous when discussing his team, but he did permit a few platitudes. "In our first game we won without playing particularly well," he said. Today we played very well and now we must aim to keep up that level of form."

It was, however, a chastening evening for the opposition. Too much had been made of their initial victory over Pakistan, who played naive cricket against them. Richie Richardson, the captain, seemed to be taken in as much as anybody.

Last night, he discovered that his side is as flawed as might always have been feared, impulsive with the bat and, by their standards of old, almost innocuous with the ball. This was only their sixth defeat in five World Cups, embracing 26 games, but although they will continue to overwhelm the weak, they do not have the balance, and perhaps not the approach, to trouble the strong.

England have no problems with either balance or approach. They kept an un-changed side yesterday, Lamb still not considered fit, and Gooch used six bowlers without needing either Hick or himself. Both later made half-centuries but the match was essentially decided inside 20 overs, the time it took England to dismiss West

Indies' top four for only 55.
Gooch chose to bow first and he had read the pitch well. It was moist enough to allow some movement off the seam in the early overs and both Lewis and Pringle took advantage. They are becom-ing a highly effective new-ball pairing in one-day cricket. While Lewis, the man of the match, made the ball rear speed. Pringle probed and prodded the batsmen into

hypnotised errors. Lara had decided his injured toe was fit enough to play but may quickly have wished otherwise. His first ball from Lewis struck him amidships and, when he had straightened up from that, he drove airily at the next and was caught behind

Botham thought he had caught Haynes at slip, in Pringle's second over, until Hick, from point, told him it had not carried. Botham was still apologising all round when Richardson gave him a chance to make amends.

Of the West Indian top six. only the captain was not out to an unforced error. Three perished to the pull stroke

By DAVID HANDS

GARY Rees, the Nottingham

and England flanker, is to be

charged with causing griev-

ous bodily harm to another

player. He has been bailed to

appear before Staines magis-

Rees, aged 31, won the last

of his 23 caps against the

United States during the

World Cup in October. The

charge arises from an inci-

dent in Nottingham's game

on January 18 when the

London Irish flanker, Stefan

trates on March 31.



a salvage operation, was run out by Fairbrother while not

paying full attention. When Harper unerringly picked out Hick, at deep square-leg, it was 102 for six and West Indies' lowest World Cup score, 140 in the 1983 final, was some distance off. But a dashing innings from the left-handed Arthurton achieved some respectability, if nothing more.

Needing only a scoring rate of around three per over, Gooch and Botham began with caution. In Botham's case, however, this extended into a spell when it was unclear if he could hit the ball off the square anyway. When he was out, in the fourteenth over, he had made just eight of the opening stand of 50. In

Marty, had his jaw broken by

In a statement subsequent-

ly London Irish said that

Marty, aged 29, a PE and

history teacher at Wimbledon

College, had also suffered

damage to the facial nervous

system and loss of teeth. He

had been advised that he

would be unable to work

The incident was investi-

gated by Staines police who,

have appealed for witnesses.

The police report was sent to

the Crown Prosecution Ser-

vice and yesterday Rees, a emerged later.

again for ten weeks.

a punch.

role in which he was originally appointed to hit over the

top, he has batted 23 overs for So far, it has not mattered. Although Smith was not at his best. Gooch was. The West Indies habitually bring out his pugnacious best and this was his most convincing

half-century of the tour. The same might be said for Hick, who had not passed 50 in 17 international innings since his 86 against the same opposition at Lord's last May. True, he made the majority of his runs against the slow bowlers, but when Ambrose and Marshall were recalled, he saw them off capably. Early morning rain prevented any play before lunch

pensions company executive

central police station.

was charged at Nottingham

to play Nottingham in a

league match on March 14.

have stressed that the case is

being pursued by representa-

tives of their player though

they support Marty's action.

No player was penalised by

the match referee at the time

and, though there was some

informal discussion between

officials from the two clubs

immediately afterwards, the

extent of Marty's injury only

London Irish, who are due

Rees must answer police charge

Club and England A in Somerset, Bermuda. South Africa's test, page 30 Pakistan triumph, page 30

finals.

FORTURES (all times GMT): Today:

New Zealand v South Africa (Abckland, 21.30; live television coverage by Sky Sports): West Indies v Zimbebwe (Brisbane, 23.00). Tomorrow: Australia v India (Brisbane, 23.20); England v Paldstan (Adeleide, 23.30; live coverage by Sky Sports).

Mansell tosses the gauntlet from the start

FROM NORMAN HOWELL IN JOHANNESBURG

in both of the untimed sessions that took place yesterday on the new Kyalami circuit near here. By doing this he has put a marker on this South African Grand Prix and given notice of his bellicose intentions for the season.

GRAHAM MORRE

In the morning's first session the Williams-Renault driver, who won the last Formula One race to take place on this circuit, in 1985, immediately threw down the gauntlet to Ayrton Senna, of Brazil, the reigning world champion and, after a handful of seconds, was trying to pass him on the inside.

Senna half-closed the door on him, more in surprise than malice, but this seems already to have set the mood for the season as the two best drivers prepared for today's first timed practice.

If anything, Mansell seems more motivated than Senna who, speaking at a press conference yesterday, reiterated what he said in the cold driz-zle of Silverstone, in England. a few days ago: "I could have done with a couple more

months of holiday. Mansell, on the other hand, is raring to go. His two

NIGEL Mansell finished first first places yesterday were just the confirmation of the kind of training, both physical and mental, that he has done over the winter months. He has even managed to shed some

> For some years he has been the heaviest driver in the paddock, but yesterday he weighed in at 76kg, while Mauricio Gugelmin, Senna's countryman, topped the scales at 81 kg.
> Mansell was loath to read

too much into yesterday's results, saying that everyone was trying out different solutions. "For all we know, McLaren

may have been lapping with 200 litres of fuel, while we were running very, very light," he said.

The Andrea Moda Formu-

la team, formerly Coloni, has been disqualified from the South African Grand Prix by the Fisa stewards here in Kyalami. The reason given is that the Italian team failed to deposit the \$100,000 (£57,450) required by the regulations. As a consequence, there will be no prequalifying at this grand prix.

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Chelsea to appeal against ruling

CHELSEA Football Club has been given two weeks to come up with £22.85 million or face eviction from its Stamford Bridge ground. The March 12 deadline for payment comes three days after Chelsea's FA Cup sixth-round tie at home to Sunderland. The deadline has been set by Cabra, the quoted property company that owns the freeholds of Stamford Bridge and home of Fulham.

Yesterday's move follows Cabra's successful application to the High Court on Wednesday for a court order requiring Chelsea to come up with the £22.85 million at which Stamford Bridge was independently valued last November. Justice Millett granted the order but left it to Chelsea and Cabra to agree a completion date for the deal. Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, who has been battling to keep the first division club at Stamford Bridge for 10 vears. confirmed vesterday that he was appealing against

the court's decision. Justice Millett granted Chelsea leave to proceed with a counter claim against Cabra for damages resulting from the delay in Chelsea exercising their option to buy the ground in Stamford Bridge, but he ruled that this

counter claim should not delay Chelsea's payment to Cabra. Bates said that Chelsea would be appealing against that ruling, which if successful would postpone any eviction deadline until the counter claim had been

settled. "Justice Millett made it clear that Chelsea would not be able to argue that they needed more time to raise the o duv Stamtord Bridge," John Duggan, the chairman of Cabra, said. However, Bates said he was confident that a deal could be

done. Duggan confirmed that he would place Chelsea in receivership if the club failed to come up with the money.

The deadline for Chelsea was contained in Cabra's interim results, which showed pre-tax losses more than doubled at £11.28 million and the company passing its in-terim dividend. The losses include a £8.4 million write down in Cabra's property portfolio, but a £10 million reduction in the value of Stamford Bridge reflecting last November's valuation has been taken through the balance sheet, which is not published at the interim

More football, page 33

Genoa police on alert ANTI-terrorist forces are ing one. Leon Klinghoffer

being put on full alert for the three-day European indoor athletics championships which begin in Genoa today after local Italian police received a telephone call threatening what a spokesman described as "a criminal act" (David Powell writes).

It was seven years ago that Palestinian terrorists took hostage passengers and crew on board the Italian cruiseliner, the Achille Lauro, killing one. Leon Klinghoffer, a Jewish American. A team of two representing Israel is competing here.

Most of the competitors, except those representing the host nation, are housed on board two ferries. Digos, Italy's terrorism prevention organisation, is sending a team of divers to check the ferries for explosives.

Livingston's hopes, page 30

Manchester seeks Major to present Games bid

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE prime minister will be asked to fly to Lausanne to hand over Manchester's formal bid to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to stage the 2000 Games. But, as the deadline for official applications is April 15, six days after the most likely date for the general election, it will be interesting to see if John Major accepts the

The prime minister will also be asked to write to all the IOC members outlining the government's support for the Manchester bid, which was demonstrated when it gave £55 million on Wednesday with the promise of more money to come to assist the application.

Major's backing has not only been influenced by his enthusiasm for the event but also by the possibilities of regenerating the northwest. A further £50 million is likely to be committed shortly by the department of the environment for infrastructure in the area.

The government is also enthusiastic about the number of jobs that will be created: 3.000 immediately and 50.000 should Manchester get the Games when the IOC votes in September 1993. Employment in the construction business will be

immediately created in the building of the velodrome.

seating between 4,000 and 5,000, in the Bradford district of the city. This will be a unique facility in Britain and will also have other sporting and entertainment uses.

Funding for the velodrome will be from the government and the Arts and Sports Foundation, while the Sports Council is likely to announce on Monday that it will give about £1 million to the

project.

The multi-purpose main indoor arena, which will use up most of the £53 million for facilities announced on Wednesday, will cost a total of £40 million and seat 15,000 people. Two operators, Wembley Stadium and Spectacor. the American company

which runs the Sheffield Arena, are interested, since the project is already three-quarters funded by the

Rees: charged

Bob Scott, the chairman of the Manchester bid, said yesterday: "We are now looking at the option of having both the velodrome and the main arena on the same Bradford site in the east of the city."

This is where the Olympic stadium is planned and Scott can see the attraction for the IOC in having three sports facilities on the same 100acre site. At present, the main arena is planned for the city centre. However, now that the main stadium will only be given the go-ahead if Manchester get the Games,

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the velodrome would be isolated unless the main arena is located in the same area. Management and administration are facilitated if the two are located alongside each other.

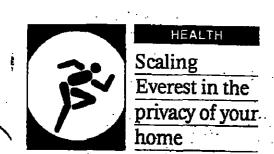
A further advantage to the site is that there is a rail link to Manchester Piccadilly in the city centre, while the motorway ring road, which runs close to the Bradford site, will be completed by the mid-1990s. "We are now going to re-evaluate all the sites and there are two important studies being completed," Scott said. "By the end of the summer we will have had a solution to all the facilities." He said that, if for regener

ation reasons, both the gov

ernment and Liverpool city council were enthusiastic, it might be possible to have more events in Liverpool. Today. Scott addresses the local authority representatives of the northwest region of the Sports Council. "They will be on the edges of their seats with the government's promise of more money to come if

we should get the Games."

Manchester will formally announce its bid on Tuesday. We have got to move fast to get the benefit from the new facilities on the ground," Scott said. "These and the government backing are what the IOC clearly wants."



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MOTORING The gloves are off in the battle of the fleet cars

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e gauntlet, m the star roman puts women first

The protocol of high office has almost muzzled Mary Robinson, president of the Republic, but this week's events are testimony to her years of campaigning

reland has been in the psychiatrist's chair this week, keening and wailing and exposing its anguish to the international glare. Whatever its eventual consequences, the Case of the Irish Girl - humanely resolved by the Supreme Court's midweek decision — will surely be enshrined in folklore. The plight of the convent schoolgirl who waited, in her 12th week of pregnancy, to know whether five male Supreme Court judges would make her have her rapist's baby, or let her cross the Irish Sea for an abortion, gave a human focus to long-submerged arguments, and exposed the Irish taste for what some call pragmatism, others Nimby hypocrisy.
The case has unleashed an

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unprecedented outburst of selfexamination, and Prof Anthony Clare, who now resides in Dublin in his chair of psychiatry, is listening. "We are such a theatri-cal nation," he sighs. "What do people think of us? Talk of pregnancy testing at airports, and Sinead O'Connor buttonholing the Taoiseach."

But it has also brought out the voice of Irish womanhood in formidable cry.
I went to Dublin to hear Ire-

land's first woman president, whose campaign slogan to the women of Ireland was: "You have a voice. I will make it heard." Mary Robinson, the radical barrister, architect of a Family Planning Bill (failed) in the 1970s, anti-abortion amendment to the her own inauguration speech: "The hand that rocks the cradle ___ can rock the system." Irish women, she said, needed the power to make their own decisions.

Where was that power in the past fortnight? Where was Mrs Robinson's zeal? Such is the pre-dictable pitfall of holding high office. Having become a figurehead and a beacon, she has to be as circumspect as the Queen of England. Still, at least she was allowed to give a lecture this week. Last year, Charles Haughey had forbidden her to give the Dimbleby lecture, to widespread fury. But on Tuesday night in Trinity College, Dublin, she delivered the Allen Lane Foundation lecture. The late Sir Allen Lane. founder of Penguin books, left a trust which helps to fund women's groups in deprived areas of Ire-land, a cause of which Mrs Robinson is mightly fond.

he atmosphere in the hall was electric, and Mrs Robinson was well aware of it. In Dublin that day there had been only one topic of conversation: the pregnant girl. Several women (and men) in the audience had come straight from a silent march to Leinster House, the parliament buildings, where they had festooned the railings with white ribbons on behalf of the girl and her family.

But the president defused expectations at once. It would be "neither appropriate nor possible" for her to be involved in the "tragic" court case which preoccupied us all. instead, she spoke of women's role in society. In her deep voice, she quoted Mary Wollstonecraft and Virginia Woolf. She was eloquent. "Equaliry between the sexes is seen to be a woman's issue. It is not. It is said to be a marginal issue. It is not. It is perceived as a threat to the

She has become "a witness and a listener" to Irish women's lives. She travels constantly to their cooperatives and creches, collectives and community centres, bolstering women's resourcefulness and creativity in the face of grinding poverty and no state subsidies.

it was to a women's group in Waterford that Mrs Robinson made her one pronouncement on the case, about the "deep crisis in ourselves" that Ireland must resolve. Some chose to view this as an encouragement to the "prochoice" faction - but she has always been emotionally against abortion, although in favour of "freedom of information for unmarried mothers", which can be

The formidably clever Mrs Robinson, full of passion and decked

out in dramatic suits on her campaign trail, had a mission and a vision of a new, forward-looking Ireland. Once installed, she has, as she promised, opened up Aras na Uachtarain, the official residence, to the people, a light always burning in an upper window to show that she cares.

But in Ireland — it is a shock to realise this — she can excite heroine-worship by purely symbolic gestures. When she talks of the network of women's groups she launched "from Achill to Bohola, Clifden to Letterfrack, Tuam to Galway" it is just by mentioning these backwoods places that she makes women feel part of a

movement for change.
"We have never before had someone at the top, speaking on behalf of women," they say. "This is what Mary Robinson has done for us." And if she can no longer voice her previous convictions, on



the causes she was once so involved with - legalising divorce, opposing the abortion amendment? It matters not. The fact that

she is there at all is quite enough. "To have our president saying that women have to be written back into history", says Frances Fitzgerald, who chairs the Council for the Status of Women, "means she can get that concept across to the male population, the decision-makers. Women are still isolated and under-represented. Our policy-makers are almost exclusively male. The minister for women is a man [Tom Kitt]. Yet there has been a deep psychological change in women themselves. The size of their families has dropped dra-matically. They are not like their own mothers, who had no jobs, no family planning, and lagged far

behind women elsewhere."

More than anything else, in the view of Monica Barnes, a Fine Gael deputy, the case of the pregnant schoolgirl has galvanised women into a new confidence to "assert and insist that this is an issue fundamentally for and about women. And we are not going to

be silent any longer."
Yet not one female voice was given the chance to speak in the Dail's debate on the question. It was left to the Irish Times to give the women deputies — there are only 13, among 155 men in the Dail — space to state their views. Mrs Barnes, for instance, said she would have challenged and broken the law if her daughter had been in that predicament. Nuala

Fennell, another Fine Gael deputy, wrote: "In my heart I know that my child was a pregnant rape victim I would help her get a termination and face the conse-quences later." Mary Harney, minister for the environment. went even further on John Bowman's Questions and Answers television programme: "If it's morally right in London. I can't see why it's morally wrong in Dublin." ("If she had said that in 1983", said Mavis Arnold, writer and veteran of the referendum campaign, "a bolt from heaven would have struck her dead and she'd have lost her seat.")

Memories of the campaign against the anti-abortion amendment in 1983 are still fresh in women's minds. It was so bitterly emotional that nobody seems to have the heart or the stomach for another referendum. "It was a painful campaign, full of verbal violence, and it ended with a sense of doom," one veteran says.

Vicious feelings had flared up, and in the end the "pro-life" faction achieved an amendment so worded as to enshrine in perpetuity in the Constitution a guarantee "to defend with its laws the right to life of the unborn". Many campaigners, including Mrs Robinson, predicted that one day there would be just such a case as that of the unfortunate rape victim. And even with the debate newly refreshed, nobody can be sure that a referendum held tothe same result, despite recent opinion polls. The divisions re-vived in the past formight have

ermitting the 14-year-old girl to have her abortion, but in another country, exposes an à la carte Catholicism, whether people acknowledge it or not. Until the Supreme Court gives details of its reasoning, nobody knows yet whether it is based on the rights of the mother versus the foetus which would be tantamount to questioning the Constitution - or on the simple right to travel. Until that is known, the possibility of another referendum is in abeyance. And what Ireland's position would be if it were not so conveniently close to England's abortion

clinics, none can say.

Meanwhile Maxine Brady, a
23-year-old single mother from Northern Ireland, president of the Union of Students, carries on providing information about abortion services in England, ignoring an injunction placed on its activities pending another court ruling in May. Nothing, she says. will deter her providing this vital service to panic-stricken pregnant women: she gives telephone numbers, accommodation addresses. At least 100 women a week go from Ireland to England to have

Abortion is an awesome busi-ness. Nobody wants it, likes it, or wishes it upon themselves. Mary Benotti, Ireland's only female MEP, has called the present situation "national schizophrenia. We don't mind people going to England for an abortion; we just don't want to have it here."

"There has been emotional upset and outrage," Professor Clare

says. "But it is only right that we they live in a good Catholic country. The ancestral faith, with should confront our moral dilemmas." He finds the Irish soulall its inconsistencies, is preserved: searching a cause for pride. "It means we don't take divorce or reminiscent, some think, of Charles Haughey's line when conabortion lightly. I am glad I reland spends time debating these things. It is not ridiculous to discuss it. traception first became available in Ireland "for bona fide family planning purposes" — "an Irish solution to an Irish problem." What distresses me is the way it is

discussed, with so much personal "Look: there's a long tradition in animosity. We should ask our-selves whether we can live with Ireland of living a private lie." Professor Clare says. "But people would rather leave things alone. disparate views on crucial issues. or whether one group can impose People don't want to go further, its views for eternity."

The next hurdle will be the because that would be to say we approve of abortion. You may call Maastricht Treaty, with its special

it hypocrisy, but this is Ireland." He remembers that it was protocol giving I reland the right to retain its ban on abortion. another 14-year-old pregnant Earlier this week it seemed likely that the whole treaty could be held rape victim, in Britain, whose abortion was performed after much thought by Dr Aleck Bourne, in 1939, that gave rise to up, because those who want the amendment repealed would be urged to vote against signing the the judgment on which Britain based its "mental health of the mother" justification, which lasted treaty when the referendum on it is held in June. (All signatories have to ratify the treaty before it until the 1967 Act. becomes law.) But if the Supreme

It may be that, as in the Ireland the tourists go for, slowness of progress is an advantage. It gives the Irish time to watch advanced nations slither down slippery slopes. "The feminist view", says a psychiatrist from Dublin's Well Woman clinic, which counsels post-abortion patients, "is that women must have a choice. But it's often the man, the boyfriend, who insists on the abortion, which usually means there's no future in the relationship anyway.

"Men are extraordinarily irresponsible at an individual level. And yet they still run this country: police, priests, bishops, legislators, gynaecologists — and Supreme Court judges."

This week, the young girl's fate was decided by the judges, presumably on the nod from the Irish bishops. Who might well have added that quintessentially Irish phrase: "Mind, I've said nothing."

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TOMORROW Michelin: fading stars



"The hand that rocks the cradle can rock the system": Mary Robinson's inauguration slogan was more than just political polemic





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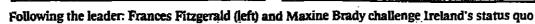
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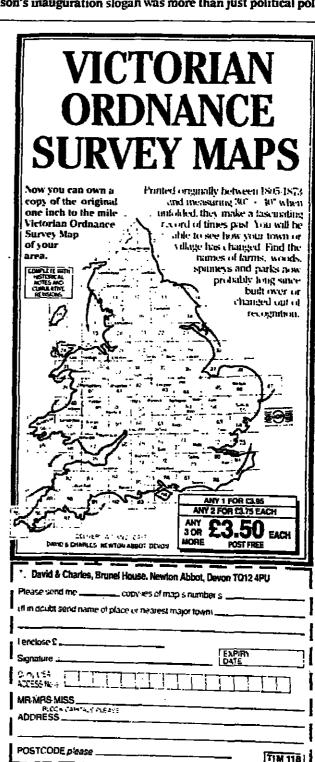
As it is, the status quo remains.

England is left to do the dread

deed and the Irish can still believe

tion may be unnecessary.





ROYAL GALA: The Princess of Weles is attending a gate performance in sid of the Beneah institute, the place where dance notators are trained. The evening of ballet, devised and produced by Wayne Sloep, will feature many Covent Garden dancers, including Dercey Bussell, Lasley Coller, Viviana Durante and Anthony Dowell, St. John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (Boolding details on 071-222 2168), Sun, 7,30pm

VOLTAIRE: This new chamber balls company, which grew out of the now disbanded Dance Advance troupe, launches itself with a premiere at the Gardner Centre in Brighton. The programme, called Ballet for Sax, lealures After Ego, a new collabor between the sexponents John Sumen he Choreographer Jennifer on. In the Mists, choreographed chael Corder, is the other new ballet on the programme. Follows Brighton debut, Voltaire plans a

national lour. Gardner Centre, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton (0273 685861), tomorrow, 7,45pm.

SOHO THEATRE APPEAL: Soho Theetre Company has secured a nome at the Cookoit Theatre in h London and will be launching the first souson on April 27. Meanwhile the season on April 27. Meanwhile the theatre's appeal target of \$200,000 still has to be reached and Theatre Royal has no be required and insect region performances of Smone de Beauvoir's The Woman Destroyed.
Cockpit Theatre, Galeforth Street, London NWS (071-402 5081), tonight,

JAN GARBAREK GROUP: Melodic ethereal compositions from the Norwegian sexophonist back in this country for the start of the promising SIR Cut City Jazz sesson. After dates in Birmingham and Manchester, he plays at the Feethval Hall on Monday.

CI 'ALLO, 'ALLO: Gorden Kaye and his learn of funny frogs and krauts up to their familiar antics.

Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-569 9562). Mon-Thurs, Spm, Frl, Sat, 5:30pm and 8:30pm.

M ANGELS IN AMERICA: Strong performances in Tony Kushner's longist but vigorous drama: Aids, religion, but vigorous drams; respectively, supplied to the politics, everything.
National (Cottestoo), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, and tomorrow, 2.30pm.

BI BECKET: Rivering performances from Derek, Isopolit and Robert Lindsay in Anoulth's play on the relationable between Thomas & Becket and Henry II. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8900). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

THE COTTON CLUB: An Li THE COTT ON GLUES An impression of the Harlern rightspot; high on energy, low on story freshness. Aldwych, The Adwych, WC2 (071-936 4041). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-warning mamory-play, set in Thirties Donegal. Gerrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085), Mon-Set, Sprin, mats Thurs, 3prin, Set, 4pm. 150mins.

ZI DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Jugat. Stavenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Pstera superb in Ariel Dorfmen's Chileun political drents. Best play of 1991. Dulce of York's, St Mertin's Lane, WCZ (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, Spm. mata Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty and stylish version of Macbeth's clin to the top, set in the world of rock bends and packed with Skiles songs. Boulevard, Walker's Court, off Peter Street, W1 (071-437 2861 sher 2pm). Mon-Sat, 8,15pm, Frilate show, 10.75pm, mat Sat, 8pm. 80mins.

NEW RELEASES CROSS MY HEART (15): Wan, visually dull French tale of children concessing a mother's death from the authorities. With Sylvein Copans; director, Jacques Fansten.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONIQUE : Krzysztof Kieslowski's brilliently ad conundrum about two girls (one Polish, one French) who seem to share Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8885).

THE LAST-BOY SCOUT (18):
 Bruce Wile as a world-weary detective embroiled in LA corruption. Crowdpleasing action movie, piled with builets and poles. With Demon Waysins; director, Teny Scott.
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2638) Haymarket (071-838 (310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0331) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

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SHADOWS (18): Welcome revival of John Cassaveter's ground-breaking first feature (1959), a tapeatry of New York bohemian life. Plus four other film in a two-week salute to the live-wire actor-director ICA (071-930 3647). CURRENT

Pepide's I NE DARK (18) Mark Pepide's clever but deagreeable psychological thriller about fear and blindness. With Ben Keyworth, James Fox, Farmy Ardant. AFRAID OF THE DARK (18) Mark

WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and inment compiled by Kari Knight Instalment of the epic "Towards the Millennium" series. The decade on which they are concentrating this year is from 1911 to 1920, and this Vienneed programme consists of Berg's Three Pieces for Crohestra, Op 8 and Deryck Cooks's massarity completion of Mahile's Tenth Symphony. University of Warnisck Arts Centre, Coventry (0203 524524), tonight, 7.30pm, Festival Hall, South Benk, London 821 (071-928 8800), tomorrow,

ondon SE1 (071-925 8500), tomorrow

ACHANAK: Dynamic dance music from one of the finest exponents of ne wave bhanges, a vital mix of traditions inclian trythma and western pop. An eight-place band, Achanak won the Best Live Act category in the 1991 Asker Pop Awards.

Waterman's Arts Centre, Brentlord, Middleger (081-568 1176), tonight, 10.30cm.

COURTNEY PINE: Despite the recent backlash against this stylish front-runner of the British jazz revival, Pine to still one of the most exciting exceptionists around, improvising with flair and dizzy abendon. Queen's Hell, Edishough (131-658 2019), tonight, 8-30pm.

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started out in the late Forties naming a restaurant in Brooklys frequented by the gients of Belop. Encouraged by the Bies of Duke Jordan, Max Roech and Câcil Payne, he went on to develop his strengths as pluntet and composer, heavily influenced by Thelonious Monk. In terms of the Airo-American search for cultural heritage, he is a frequent visitor to his native Africa, the subject of several recordings. His distribute style embraces jazz-funk, African rhythms, R&B and folk. Te nor Caef. 35 Cornort Street, London (071-729 2478/2440), tonight, tornorrow, 8.3 Opm.

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Ancient relative still charms

THEATRE

Charley's Aunt Royal, Bury St Edmunds

ONE hundred years ago tomorrow a bold and irresistible creature took to the boards for the first time. His name was Lord Fancourt Babberley. sometimes abbreviated to Fanny and Babs by his Oxford chums, to help whom he impersonated a Brazilian millionairess, Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez, aunt to the chum named Charley. The rest is theatrical history.

Peter Wilson's touring production is at Bury this week because it was at this theatre, far from the London critics, that Brandon Thomas directed the first production, with W.S. Penley in the title role. At the first performance, before a house packed with Greene King employees from the brewery across the road, the exuberant reception prompted Penley to send a wire to Thomas: "Your fortune is made." As indeed it was. The play's four-year run in London remained a record for 25 years, until overtaken by Chu-Chin-Chow.

Drag artistes and actors who trade on their campness are not right for the role. Babberley has to be genuinely reluctant to play the lady yet, once inside his black bombazine and bonnet, must throw himself into the wild winsomeness of a pantomime dame. Mark Curry is the right age to play an undergraduate (Penley was 40) and makes him eager, decent and boyish. A "boiled owt" is his description of Spettigue (Patrick Cargill), the most ardent of his pursuers — the other is Frank Windsor - but his own rimless specs suggest the same bird, a fresh young owlet blinking in the light outside the nest and finding the new world sometimes to his taste.



Odd and owlish couple: Fancourt Babberley (Mark Curry) as the Aunt, with Spettigue (Patrick Cargill)

This sense of liberating discovery is crucial to the comedy. Curry hints' that Babberley the Man has been tongue-tied and shy, and then as Babberley the Aunt lets out some anarchic inner child, thrilled to discover how a fan works, watching the real Donna Lucia (Gabrielle Drake) make a 180-degree turn in her long skirt and successfully doing the same, nodding to the audience as

though to say "So there!" Then again,

exuberance sometimes goes to his head and he falls over. He is both

likeable and very furmy. The half-hour that passes before he dons his Old Mother Riley kit contains few laughs but goes agreeably enough because Jonathan Markwood, playing the dimmish Charley, and Christopher Lamb (the snappier Jack) speak the undergrad slang of the period with easy grace. The running is not as frantic as it

could be, though the cast may have been on their guard in the confines of this small stage, where Michael Holt's handsome college set, encumbered with low hedges in the garden scene, leaves little room for a quick sprint. Nevertheless, a century old and still running suggests that Bury will be watching Charley's Aunt puff her cigar in February 2092.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Shades of stereotype

Us Girls BBC 1

I SEEM to recall that in the 1987. Conservative manifesto, the poll tax was given about five lines. The rich benefits of hindsight suggest that someone knew something, that someone had a feeling in the water. In this week's Radio Times, BBC 1's new Thursday night, peak-time comedy show, Us Girls, is given five lines in the preview section. Are these two

judgments in any way related?

Could be. Us Girls has the characteristics of a television poli tax. certainly in the central test that we are entitled to set. The one was not fair, the other is not funny. Even the canned audience seems at times under-employed, particularly in the second half. It is as if there had been a change of management in the canned enthusiasm department, a Ridley

displaced by a Heseltine.
Us Girls is, however, "right on" in the political correctness stakes, at least superficially. The focus is three generations of a black family living in north London. Grandma and grandad are first generation immigrants with voices out of a Lenny Henry sketch, their daughter is a single parent (and journalist) with a halfway house accent and her two daughters

OPERA 80 is on the road again, and in this eminently portable Don Giovanni it is the servant, not the master, who is the prime mover. This Leporello, skulking on a dark bal-cony, has started writing his catalogue even as the overture strikes up: at the end, his pocketbook is thrown on the dinner table, a final witness amongst the dirty linen and the

carcasses of the Don's life. What is more, this Leporello comes pretty near to singing everyone else off the stage. This seedy, passionate accomplice is given a fiercely contoured performance by Michael John Pearson, a recent recruit to the Glyndebourne chorus and now making his debut with Opera 80. The triangle of Leporello, Don Giovanni (elegantly sung by David Ellis) and

talk wiv a proper London accent. The problem is what they all say. There are one or two nice lines, as when grandad is asked why he has become the local neighbourhood watch representative: "Because the last black man who patrolled the area got picked up by the police". The show could use a lot more lines like that one, but instead it depressingly puts stereotypical white "humour" into the mouths of an ethnic family, as

constipation: sitting in a car driven by grandma. Dear me. The running joke in last night's opener concerned the "claustro burgiar", a local menace with the habit of locking victims in confined spaces. I was a lot more worried about the claustro director, who has the curious habit of locking all the action in confined spaces — the kitchen, the living room — so that there are occasions when the crew and the cast

when grandad suggests a cure for

seem to compete for the same space.
You sometimes hear people in pubs discussing television, using phrases like "I could write funnier stuff than that." Oh sure. Unfortunately there are times when instead of explaining to them just how difficult comedy writing is, just how dependent the writer is on fractional changes of performer and composer has been as timing and half a look floating across an actor's face, you are tempted to

A cruel response, but to succeed, comedy has to be crueller than Us Girls was last night. The show it re-places in that slot, The Brittas Empire, contained important lessons that have been lost on its successor.

OPERA

Don Giovanni

Everyman, Cheltenham

Ivor Bolton, conducting, is quite the

most musically exciting aspect of the

Bolton's Mozart is never for the lily-

livered. He is not afraid to bare raw

textures when appropriate, his phras-

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Here, his rigorous tempos and pacing

show.

PETER BARNARD | than those. The collages of the third

Off to hell in a hurry

Maestro at his ease

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BBCSO/Boulez Barbican

THERE are ways to relax and there are ways to relax. Last Wednesday, Pierre Boulez took time off from the Welsh National Opera, where he is conducting Pellèas et Mélisande, to join his former colleagues in the BBC Symphony Orchestra. It was a conventional affair, by Boulez's standards: the concert even ended with a symphony, though this one, Sinfonia,

happened to be by Luciano Berio.

Merely to watch Boulez is an education. He uses no baton, yet his beating and cueing remain uncarmily precise. At the same time, he is rigorous in ensuring that the balance, so carefully rehearsed, is reproduced correctly. Yet he accomplishes all that while allowing the music spontaneity.

In the past his reputation as both an austere intellectual. To counter the claim one only had to hear him in the third movement of the Berio, producing compellingly lilting rhythms and swirling textures. The melancholic reflections in "O. King", the second movement, were also enjoyed by a commendably attentive (and en-

couragingly large) audience.
But Sinfonia works on other levels

is just occasionally too relentless for

maximum dramatic effect, but it also

Several of the roles are double or triple cast, so there will be changes

during the 16-venue itinerary. But

this year, too many risks have been

Julia Melinek's Donna Elvira has considerable vocal muscle and a

spirited and impetuous delivery; but

that muscle is not yet in good enough

training to take the strain. The sweet-

voiced and musically sensitive An-

drew Tusa is more seriously over-

stretched as Don Ottavio. though he,

at least, will be given some respite in

SOME LIKE

covers a multitude of casting sins.

movement might simply be Berio paying homage to his sources or a simple game, but they seem much more like some Expressionistic night-

mare, haunted by memories. After more than 20 years, one still feels intellectually and spiritually overawed by the work's ambitions. Berio hides nothing, but he remains detached from his own creation: that

is part of his language.

The eight voices of Electric Phoenix sang and recited in the authentic spirit, though the tenor's utterances in the third movement could have been even more exaggerated without going against the flavour of the movement. The BBCSO also responded well. Under Andrew Davis's stewardship they have improved greatly in the past couple of years, but this conductor elevated them to a

higher plane.
Stockhausen's tape piece from 1956, Gesange der Jünglinge, was played immediately before Sinfonia. and in the wide open spaces of this hall sounded well if a touch aged and, like all "performances" of tape pieces, a touch awkward. Before that there had been a fine reading of Harrison Birtwistle's ... agm ... (1979), given with the BBC Singers sometimes showing the strain of this rigorous piece, centred around complex hierarchies of pitch and pulse. But it showed its compelling inner logic, for all the roughness of some of its many

surfaces. Boulez also conducted Boulez, of 3 course in this case Notations 1-4, highly varied pieces which made a

two future cast changes. Fiona

Cameron's Donna Anna and Martin

STEPHEN PETTITT

massive and immediate impact.

Robson's Commendatore will certainly have the stamina to stay their course. This Masetto (Jonathan

Veira) and Zerlina (Lisa Tyrrell) tellingly focus the harsh squalor of Stephen Medcalf's production. For these dingy, drunken peasants, life under designer Lez Brotherston's arches, boarded up with corrugated iron, is short, hard and brutish. Zer-

lina's fear of a future in which both Masetto and Don Giovanni might desert her is palpably feit. And will Leporello ever find another master? The desperation of his final agony remains an image every bit as potent as the Don's own flaming hell. HILARY FINCH

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Richard Cork appraises a London exhibition intended to evoke and exploit common cultural memories

Do you see what they see?

tirring immediate memo-ries of the Luryens Cenotaph across the river, Juan Muñoz's monument on the South Bank seems at first to have been there since the first world war. Closer inspection discloses that the cement in the artificial stone is fresh, and that the three bronze flags ranged along the front carry no specific references. But the war memorial associations remain unmistakable, along with an elegiac air which chimes with the plaque commemorating the Marchioness riverboat disaster nearby.

In his succinct ability to encompass past as well as present tragedies, Muñoz proves an ideal contributer to the Hayward Gal-lery's latest exhibition. For the organisers — Lynne Cooke, Bice Curiger and Greg Hilty — have brought together an international array of 23 artists to "dig deep into the common memories of our culture". The show's title, Doubletake, sums up the response they aim to trigger. Everybody visiting the gallery and the works sited outside will. they hope, be stimulated into reconsidering the collective pool of images, words and symbols which are too often taken for granted.

Opposite Waterloo Station, on a billboard frequently shaken by the trains rattling past. Boyd Webb invites us to look again at the globe. Abandoned, alarmingly transparent and only half-filled with air, this balloon-like planet seems to be sinking in the sea. A wreath hovers above, reinforcing the mood. The idea of maritime peril reappears on the Thames, where Stephan Balkenhol has installed a wooden man in the middle of the river. Unlike Webb's globe, he rides above the water on a buoy. But each time the figure sways in the wake of a boat, he looks helplessly marooned.

oes Balkenhol mean him to rise from the Thames in a marine resurrecabout to drown? The question is left open, although Balkenhol provides distant company for his sculpture on the old Blackfriars railway bridge There, an outsize painted oak head of a young man stares towards the isolated figure below.

In both these cases, Balkenhol appears to be striving for the anonymity of Everyman — even if the statuesque form he adopts here was used in the past to dignify public effigies of the famous. Just as he portrays unknown people, so he chooses sites where no conventional

statue would ever be positioned. This dual strategy catches us off-balance, and Jeff Koons clearly hoped to perform a similar feat with his poster project for the Loridon Underground. In a shameless image, presumably meant to subvert the Hello! magazine style of glamorous "at home" photographs, Koons and his Italian pin-up wife "La Cicciolina" pose semi-naked with a trio of kitsch dog carvings. The amount of bare flesh prompted London Underground to ban the

The tiresome contemporary fondness for kitsch resurfaces inside the Hayward, where the opening room is devoted to the Brazilian artist Saint Clair Cemin. He lacks Koons's brazenness, indulging in a whimsical fascination with a Soap Ele-phant made of pink-painted bronze, or Aquarella, a circle of dogs eagerly chasing each other's tails. Far from undermining the twee imagery he leans on, Cemin rejoices in its

unday's performance of Aelita at the National Film Theatre revives the sounds as well as the

images of the Russian artistic

avant-garde of the Twenties

The musical accompaniment to the silent classic will feature

the Theremin, the world's

The futurist fantasy Aelita was the wonder film of its

day. The Moscow premiere in

September 1924 was adver-

nised by flashing searchlights, leaflets dropped from planes over the city, and a teaser

press campaign, warning the

public that "mysterious sig-nals are being constantly

received by radio stations

The story, freely adapted

from a current popular novel

by Alexei Tolstoi, tells how a

young engineer dreams of

building a space ship and

visiting Mars. There he falls

under the spell of the beauti-

ful Princess Aelita, whom he

ultimately destroys when she

betrays a Martian proletar-ian revolution.

Today the story is less interesting than the design.

The Martian costumes were

by the Cubo-Futurist painter and stage designer Alexandra Exter, the sets by her pupil

Isak Rabinovich. The weird

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Julio Galán's Hice Bien Quererte (top); Saint Clair Cemin's whimsical Soap Elephant (above right) and Aquarella (above left)

saccharine charm. The garish colours lavished on his spiky Guardian Angel are merely cloying, whereas Julio Galan's roomful of paintings deploys a whole range of popular visual material to far more powerful

'Children's book illustrations, sentimental landscapes and Catholic icons are among his starting-points. However disparate his sources, though. Galán filters them through a rich and coherent imagination of his own. Sometimes, the results proudly proclaim their involvement with his native Mexican tradition. Like Frida Kahlo, he is indebted to popular religious painting. But he also shares Kahlo's ability to escape from conventional piety and explore a disquieting intensity of emotion. Childhood memories give Boy Crying Magnolias an eerie, blanched anguish, and in El Hermano the same youth's body resembles a giant aubergine slashed by a bloody wound.

The unifying theme often focuses, paradoxically, on Galán's multifaceted and conflict-torn character. An unusually large and minimal

painting called Hice Bien Quererte is riven, near the centre, by a vertical division slicing through the artist's face. The two parts remain disjointed, and Galan implies that his features can never become whole

ompared with his forceful and many-layered work, some of the contributors to this uneven exhibition lack substance. Andreas Gursky's glossy colour photographs of a Karlsruhe factory or the New York stock exchange stress impersonality and alienation. But they end up looking incurious and predictable, as it Gursky viewed the entire world with the same tedious amount of clinical

Humour erupts on the walkway leading up to an immense blue wall. where Simon Patterson has drawn an elegant white-contoured homage to a Delta Airlines route map. The sprouting lines all terminate in people's names rather than places, and Patterson delights in mixing the powerful with the lightweight. Julius Caesar and Velazquez inhabit the same air-space as Oliver Reed and Lewis Collins. Despite the ingenuity of the idea and the poise of its execution, the levelling of great artists with Fawn Hall or Oliver North is ultimately depressing.

Words are likewise inscribed on the walls of Mike Kelley's space, but here they take the form of pleas such as "I don't want to be alone any more". They all derive from comscrawled on the clothes and discarded toys in the middle of the room. Kelly's aim is presumably to pin-point and analyse the sentiments they convey, but his tactics fail to

sustain attention for long.

The same problem afflicts Tim
Rollins and KOS upstairs, who have in the past produced stimulating work. Collaborating as always with a group of teenagers from the South Bronx, Rollins has stuck pages from X-Men comics onto expanses of white-painted linen. Although head-lines such as "The Warlock Wears Three Faces" momentarily enliven the outcome, the standardised ranks of pictures soon become numbing. Far from fulfilling the organiser's

hope that they would "dig deep" into collective memory, Rollins and KOS have contented themselves with a visually inert presentation of their

favourite Marvel illustrations. Perhaps the context of a mixed survey prevented some artists from making the kind of effort they would expend on a one-person show. Robert Gober is capable of more than the slight offering he produces here: two wax legs, clothed in trousers. socks and shoes, straddling two corners of his room. They are

puzzlingly slight.
Among the disappointments, though, contributions by women artists stand out positively. Sophie Calle discovers a surprising amount of anxiety in groups of images culled from bank surveillance videos, where customers using cash dispensers betray their feelings at every turn; and Rachel Whiteread transforms an object as unpromising as a mattress into a glowing amber slab of rubber and high-density foam.

 Doubletake is continuing at the Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SEI (071-928 3144) daily until

CINEMA PREVIEW

Soviet fantasy finds a voice

David Robinson on a silent classic from

the Twenties, to be shown this Sunday

modern audience the scenes on earth - the Moscow of 1924 with its housing shortages, austerity and enthusiasm — are no less exotic.

The director Jacob Prota-zanov (Sunday's performance launches an NFT retrospective of his work) was one of the first Russian film-makers. He directed his first in 1908 and enjoyed success in pre-revolu-tionary Russia with films in the current "decadent" taste. Emigrating after the revolu-tion he worked in France, but was persuaded to return and launch a career as a "revolutionary" director with Aelita.

For the avant-garde zealots of Soviet cinema - Eisenstein, Pudovkin, Vertov, all still in their twenties -Protazanov at 42 was an old, irredeemable reactionary. They were not consoled that the public, which spurned their films, loved Aelita.

The live musical accompa-niment for Sunday's performance of Aelita has been reconstituted by Dennis James from fragmentary evidence of

the original score by Valentin Kruchinin. James is an American musician dedicated to the revival of extinct instruments, and is a virtuoso of the

ames's interest in the Theremin began in the mid-Eighties. The instrument was first developed by Professor Lev Termin (westernised as Leon Theremin) in the Leningrad Institute of Physical Science and ideally suited the Constructivist principle of a union of the art, industry and science of the new age. In its simplest form the instrument consists of a wooden desk with a metal loop protruding at the left side and a rod standing up at

the right. The operator moves his hands around these antennae without touching them. The disturbance his movements produce in the surrounding electric fields controls the pitch and the volume of the electronic sounds. Theremin gave his first de-

"A Symphonic Mystery" for the instrument, In 1927 Theremin embarked on a tour of European capitals, performing a programme that included Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Tchaikovsky and In Paris the police had to

monstrations in 1920. In

1924 Pastchenko composed

control the crowds at his concerts at the Opera. Simi-lar success in New York persuaded him to settle there for several years.
In 1929 the Radio Corpo-

ration of America bought a licence to market the Theremin. RCA's advertising cited encomia by Stokowski. Rachmaninov, Respighi and Bruno Walter, but the claim that anybody who could hum or whistle could play it as effectively as a skilled musician was misleading. Although the Theremin was not a commercial success, it inspired future generations of synthesizers, including the

work of Robert Moog.

The Theremin has been revived from time to time. Percy Grainger, Martinu and Varèse used it, as did the soundtracks of The Day the Earth Stood Still and Hitchcock's Spellbound. Currently the musical avant-garde is rediscovering the instrument. Professor Theremin, now 96, is still working in the Moscow Institute of Physics.

● Aelita is at the NFT. South Bank, London SEI (071-928 3232) on Sunday at 3.30pm

GALLERY CHOICE

• TEN YEARS OF THE JOHN PLAYER POR-TRAIT AWARD: The annual competition established a place for itself in the ten years, 1980-89, that it was spon-sored by John Player. The unveiling of the last of the direct commissions involved, Tai-Shan Schierenberg's por-trait of John Mortimer, offers an occasion for showing the dozen commissioned portraits together. They are generally conservative; perhaps the most interesting is Alison

Wan's 1987 portrait of the Queen Mother. National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, WC2 (071-306 0055). Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sai, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, opens today.

• EUROPEAN ORNA-MENTS GALLERY: The original South Kensington Gallery was dedicated to the exposition of decorative or ornamental arts. Today a new permanent gallery (in the Henry Cole Wing) devoted to European design and decora-tion 1450-1991 demonstrates clearly the uses and abuses of ornament, the way particular design motifs travel and change, the influences of architecture and Europe's fascination with the exotic.
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you that they believe strongly in the free-dom of the individual. The tax laws on the Isle of Man are generous, there are no breath tests for tipsy drivers, the wearing of seatbelts is a matter of personal choice and you can speed to your hearts content on the open roads. But this relaxed crown dependency still has hanging and birching on its statute books, abortions are illegal and homosex-

uality is a criminal offence. The philosophy of selective libertarianism has caused few problems. As long as Manx people did not openly flout the laws, few were concerned about what went on behind the pastel coloured shut-ters. Many homosexuals seemed to have chosen to live there precisely because they could carry on their lives without fear of "gay

bashing".

Then, a fortnight ago, in a three day operation, police targeted alleged homosexual men in a series of arrests. Twenty-one men on the island were charged with gross indecency said to have taken place in a scruffy public lavatory in Noble's Park, Douglas, the island's capital. One of the men charged committed suicide after appearing in court. A heterosexual man who had not been arrested. later shot himself as police went to question him.

Gay activists alleged officers had been harassing the man because he had connections with the homosexual movement but a police spokesman has strenuously denied this, saying the police wanted to question him only about a motoring offence. The arrests came as the Tynwald, the island's parliament, prepared for a debate next month on whether homosex-uality should be made legal between two consenting adults in

John Wright, the advocate for

'People that don't understand our feelings. should not come here'

FRANK ROGERS

the family of the first man who statement saying that his client's lengthy detention overnight in police custody was unnecessary, that his family should have been notified of his court appearance and that he was given no counselling, although he was obviously and had a son, was found dead in his car after the court hearing. The issue has been handled insensitively. The police have used videos of the men in the toilets. The press have given their names. ages and addresses. This is a small island. The men are obviously very distressed," Mr Wright says.
Amnesty International flew in a

team over the weekend to enquire into the arrests; homosexual lobby groups in the United Kingdom have become involved and Manx people are squirming under the attention. Many of the 70,000 inhabitants believe that homosexuality should remain a criminal For years a tiny crown dependency has attracted homosexuals, while officially making them outlaws. Now. Alice Thomson reports, a police raid and two deaths are forcing it to face uncomfortable truths

offence but others fear that the island is clinging to a bygone age which will isolate it from the rest of

Douglas is a strange mixture of tax haven businesses, peeling guesthouses and retirement bungalows. Hazei Hannon, who was elected to the House of Keys, the lower house, last year after campaigning for a change in the laws on homosexuality, prefers to meet people in the railway cafe to discuss such a touchy subject. A third generation Manzwoman, she sees the law as an anomaly. "We are on a collision course with both the British government and the European convention on human rights," she says. "If we do not amend the law, the British government may overrule the Tynwald and force the island into line. That would undermine our

But Ms Hannon is not just interested in changing the law for constitutional reasons. She believes that if the Tynwald votes to legalise homosexuality among consenting adults, it will help to end pick-ups in public lavatories, and suicide. Police will still be able to arrest homosexuals for "gross Supporter of the status quo: the Reverend Matthew Else. "It is obvious we are happy as we are"

indecency" in public places but Ms Hannon hopes that if the Tynwald makes a stand it might help to create greater tolerance.

She has asked for the resigna-tion of Robin Oake, the chief constable and a born-again Christian. "I can't understand why the

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homosexual activities on the island but people seem to be becoming less understanding,"

Kathy Rogers, would not wel-

police cracked down now. There retired to the Isle of Man from has always been a tolerance for Liverpool 15 years ago. "We look at the problems you have got on the streets in Britain - Aids, videos, drugs and gay bashing and we don't want them here," Mrs

homosexuals openly kissing, porn come a change in the law. She Rogers says. Her husband, Frank,

agrees. "We would attract all the wrong sorts if we were forced to change the laws ... Those that don't understand our feelings, shouldn't come over here." For some, keeping homosexuals-

behind doors is not going far enough. Dorothy Duggan and her brother, Frank, live in a bungalow in Colby, where their family have been for four generations. "If we legalise sodomy, people gradually begin to accept it and think that it is right. But it is an abominable act and should not be permitted even in private," Miss Duggan says. "We are not being unkind and we don't despise these men. We feel deeply sorry for them."

Miss Duggan is a retired biology and religious education teach-er. "Homosexual sex is like a drug - one fix and you are hooked. We must keep these people away from our young men, she says.

Twelve miles away in Peel the Reverend Matthew Else, a baptist

minister, has organised a petition against changing the law. He says he gets most support from various religious groups which are growing in size on the island, such as the baptists and the born-again Christians, who have been drawn

to the island by its peacefulness. But he also points to a survey carried out in the Isle of Man Examiner, a weekly newspaper, where Manx people voted seven to one to maintain the status quo. "It would be unconstitutional for Britain to legislate over our heads when it is obvious that we are

happy as we are," Mr Else says.
The end of the dream of nontroublesome homosexuals came last year on Tynwald day, the national holiday in July, when the homosexual pressure group Out-Rage appeared alongside Manx dignitaries in morning dress and dignitaries in morning dress and the island's only homosexual activist, Alan Shea, arrived wearing a concentration camp uniform with his head shaved. Mr Shea, aged 28, says he moved to the island nine years ago from Liverpool because he "thought it would be a quiet place to live" and he wanted to be with friends. He is the only man on the island who openly admits to being homosexual.

admits to being homosexual.

Mr Shea is the bane of many
Manx people, forcing them to
consider what they prefer to ignore. His flat in Douglas is the headquarters of the newly formed underground Elian Vannin homosexual group. He believes the arrests were politically orchestrated to stop the campaign for

change.
"I have lost a friend and a gay
man is dead. The police are persecuting gay men and Miles Walker, the chief minister, has failed to keep the police under control." Mr Walker, who will vote to change the law, rejects this allegation: "The police are not abusing their powers. They have a law to enforce and that law would be enforced in the rest of Britain."

A group of homosexuals have met for a drink at Mr Shea's house. Mark, aged 35, has lived on the island all his life. "I had no support while growing up. If you live in Liverpool or London there is

'I cannot understand why they cracked down. People seem to be less understanding' HAZEL HANNON

the gay switchboard, clubs and magazines. The few friends I had who were gay felt forced to marry." he says. Duncan, aged 32, chose to come to the island from Northern Ireland: "A lot of gays like coming here. There is no danger of queer bashing because we don't techni-

cally exist," he says. char to a cleaner about the oddity of an island that bans homosexuality having so many homosexuals. The cleaner confides that she is a lesbian. "They think it will all be hunky-dory when the law changes but lesbianism is legal and it makes no difference. We will never be able to show our affection publicly on this island."

What we have to remember". Mrs Hannon says, "is that the island was built up on the tourist trade and giving people a good time. For us to become holier than thou is ridiculous. We cannot



The bane of people's lives: Alan Shea, who hosts the underground gay group. "I have lost a friend and a gay man is dead. I want to know when this will stop"

Thriller writer Carl Hiaasen loves Florida so much he wants to keep it to himself

₹arl Hiaasen tells a story, reported in American papers last kidnapped in New York and murdered. "Terrible." he says. "Chopped up in little bits." A pause. "They fed her to the homeless." Immediately a plot springs to mind: antiprivilege terrorists, seizing exponents of the pleasures of the wealthy and feeding them to the poor. "Ballet burgers," he says. Mr Hiaasen, a 38year-old thriller writer and investigative reporter from Florida, cannot help laughing. He knows perfectly well that but for the setting it could be the start of one of his

Mr Hiaasen has written four thrillers, all set in his native state. The latest, Native Tongue, starts with the kidnap of Vance and Violet, the last surviving pair of an endangered species, the bluetongued mango vole. Only they are a pair of harnsters with their tongues painted blue so that a mob snitch on a witness relocation scheme can get a government grant of \$200,000 to preserve them in his theme park. Skin Tight, an earlier book, involved death by liposuction. Double Whammy featured a baddy bitten by a pit bull terrier: he shot it, it got lockjaw and rigor mortis, and he wanders through the rest of the book with its festering head

clamped to his arm. Mr Hiaasen's books are horribly funny, tightly plot-ted, and very moral. Elmore Leonard loves them and PJ O'Rourke says they are better than literature. It comes as some surprise that their author looks like a cross between John Major and John Denver, and wears a neat shirt

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with the collar tucked inside his nice Norwegian jumper. He looks sweet and innocent, with his engaging grin. But he is a man at war. The population of Florida

increases by almost 1,000 immigrants a day: 356,000 a year. "A city almost the size of Bristol." Mr Hiaasen says, to put it in perspective. "I want to scare those people away." He does not mind visitors, but he does not want

them to stay. "For 90 years Florida has been occupied by scoundrels whose only concern is how much profit they can make from each square foot of land, how much money they can bleed. They don't care about the sunset or the eagles or the panthers

or the bears, they don't even care about the golf or the fishing or whatever it is they're selling. They only see money. And places are being destroyed, for money, just because they are attractive." To frighten those people. and their customers, away from the Keys and the Ever-

glades and the mangroves and the wildlife, Mr Hiaasen takes the weird and whacky truth of Florida life and "cranks it up a couple of notches" for his books. It does not take much cranking. From the rednecks of the north to the volatile racial mix and record numbers of crimi-

The same mission inspires both his day job, as "opinion-ated news columnist — every city paper needs a son of a bitch" on The Miami Herald, and his novels.

Financially he could easily

Carl Hiaasen: get a return ticket

give up the day job. but "the columns let me get it all off my chest immediately". And the newsroom gives him a constant supply of raw material. Take the anti-Castro revolutionaries training for the invasion of Havana on a campsite in the Everglades, or the police officer who moonlighted as a drug dealer's enforcer, lived on steroids and was done for triple homicide, or the Disney World employee in his Pluto suit, so irritated by a child who pulled his tail that he drop-kicked him into the crowd. Disney was sued: "The parents said would grow up to be a sniper yard of a £200,000 condo-

ries. Mr Hiaasen researched law suits against Disney: "Hilarious. Not to them. To me. "My sympathy is with the guy in the Pluto suit. Those are the kind of things I want

happening in my theme park.
That policeman is the guy
I want running security there. There's a mentality of macho here, part redneck, part Hispanic. Guys get into body building, and they eat steriods, and those can make you go into uncontrollable rages. And they get off on the punishment they can take. Macho masochism." From that Mr Hiaasen created Pedro Luz, Native Tongue's corrupt cop turned theme park security head, so

tough he gnawed his own foot off and felt no pain. "Theme parks are so controlled, it's like android land. denying reality. And then nature hits back. A couple of years ago black vultures invaded Disney World. Their natural habitat had been destroyed, so they moved on to Magic Mountain, spooked all the trained rabbits and doves. They just sat there 'We're here! We're ugly! We stink! You can't control

naturė!' Of course Mr Hiaasen is on the side of the vultures. "And I root for the crocodiles, and for the rattlesnakes. I love to see a crocodile sitting in the

minium. I will never miss an opportunity to savage evil causes at work, and satire is the most lacerating tool. Crooked politicians would much rather you were up on a soap box, preaching. Satire

ruins their day." He likes nothing better than to kill off, in his books, a crooked politician. "But I don't do it with 20 pages of disembowelling. I can't dwell on violence. Florida is an

obsessively violent culture.

Most people have guns.

"If I had a gun I'd just shoot myself in the foot. I've seen so much close up, as a reporter. College does not prepare you to walk on to the scene after a double homicide. It's not like on TV. So I satirise that belief that violence solves everything. When one of my characters gets stabbed to death with a stuffed marlin head, I'm saying look, if you want to be macho you don't even need a gun. Plus I celebrate every story where nature gets some

Does it all make him unpopular? "I'm not on the chamber of commerce's Christmas list," he says, but he gets letters of support too. and signs of success. A golf course project that had its eye on 40 acres of mangrove fell apart after Mr Hiaasen investigated it. And life has begun to imitate his art in Skin Tight a TV presenter wanted to have cosmetic surgery on

Wenglish spoken

ou don't miss St Da-vid's Day in Wales. Weeks before, there are felt daffodil and leek brooches in the shops. And at school assemblies just before or after March 1 they will have a bash at speaking Welsh. Next day, back to English. Well not English exactly. Not in the South Wales

valleys. The language spoken

in the one-time coal producing south is Wenglish. The French have Franglais: the Welsh have Wenglish. The difference is that the French legislated against Franglais. In Wales, Wenglish is both a joke and a serious prop to English.

Only about 19 per cent of the people in Wales speak real, Land of Our Fathers Welsh, according to the last published census and the new figures will probably be no better - but its bastard child is alive and vocal from the Rhondda, across the Aberdare valley, up to Merthyr Tydfil and down to Swansea. It belongs to the industrial south: a tough mongrel mixture of a lingo, in no danger

of dying. It grew from the middle of the last century, when some 150,000 immigrant English workers more than doubled the population of the Rhondda. Ceri George, who did her PhD in valleys dialect, believes the first generation of lish Mr. Bevan believes it incoming English must have may have started as the word swarmped the Weish speakers. for raise in the north of host Geraldo Rivera is doing just that.

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As Wales begins

to celebrate, a guide to the voice of the valleys

mixture, no other word quite carries the soft invitation of cwch. It mans cuddle. You can also say, "cwch down" as in "cwch down and sleep now", and cwch or "twti down" (prounouned tootee from the Welsh word for small) for crouch. And our house like most of the others had a cwch under the stairs. which was the cupboard.

Teri Lewis, emeritus professor of Welsh. says the derivation is not obvious, but it could have come from the French word, coucher. "The English couch may have come from the same word," says Gareth Bevan, who is editing the new University of Wales Welsh dictionary.

Another Wenglish word which is so descriptive it should creep into English is twp (the w pronouned as oo in hook). The word is a good for spitting out, hard, an insult, of course. It means surpid. thick, but has an edge of affection to it used with Eng-

straight Welsh word, is what you say if you mean 'He's half-baked', or feckless.

Another word Wenglishspeakers have taken as their own is dap. A pair of daps is a pair of gymshoes. This, says Mr Bevan is an example of a slang English word disap-pearing from English but being preserved in Welsh. "It was used in Bristol and Hereford, and was 1914-18 war army slang," he says.

Some words are taken straight from Welsh, which may have been pinched from English in the first place, and by them from French: others have vaguer ancestry.

Bosh for wash basin always sounded to me like an economical way of saying both words together. Mrs George says that a bosh was a cooling tub for steel and became current in the iron-mining valleys. Mr Bevan says they never used it in Swansea where he lived. But the woman who controlled our kitchen always called a bosh a bosh. And if you messed around with anything on her table, you would be told pretty sharpish not to potch (rhymes with scotch). Potching is messing around and a

potcher can be a nuisance. Children are told not to clec in school. To clec is to tell tales. In Welsh it means gossip. They should stand tidy in the gwt (tail, queue, pronounced to thyme with hoot). Nowadays they might get away with wearing daps to school, though you can be sure the crachach (ch as in Scottish loch), the posh ones, are sure to want trainers.

YVONNE THOMAS

Putting your back into the future

limb Mount Everest, swim the channel, play 18 holes at Pebble Beach and run the Boston marathon in the privacy of your own home. And all that, if you are a real enthusiast, before breakfast . . .

The new wave of often computerised exercise equipment flooding Britain promises not just fitness but a brave new world of simulated experiences for those with more money than time to spare. And according to those who market it, the market is growing at a phenomenal rate.

Fancy running the Boston Marathon? For less than the return fare via Concorde to the US (£4,350), and with considerable savings on hotel accommodation and incidental ex-penses, you can buy the new Precor "9.5sp" treadmill which will let you experience that sensation - again and again. Your course is charted by computer on a screen, the surface beneath your feet automatically angling up or down as the route

The Duchess of York's personal exercise trainer Josh Salzmann calls them the Rolls-Royce of treadmills. 'I've done a lot of pushing of Precor treadmills to my clients because they're the best," says Mr Salzmann, who with his wife, Laura, runs a oneto-one training gymnasium at the Wentworth Golf Club.

Unlike some personal trainers who seem to fear the fancy machinery might supplant them, Mr Salzmann believes that "the more toys you have the more variety and fun the training

Cardio-vascular (CV) fitnessenhancing equipment, such as exercise bicycles, treadmills and climbing machines, are leaving weight machines and multi-gyms standing, Mr Salzmann says. "You can give a complete and more flexible weight-training session with free weights - and I often just use my hands and towels. It's the CV ma-

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His clients, who pay him £50 plus
VAT per session, often have his 'n' her 9.5sps in addition to a fleet of other machines. Among these are the motorised stair-walking simulator StairMasters (from around £2,000), a "Gravitron" chin-up machine with a motorised platform (about £6,000) and a VersaClimber "total body machine" (£2,500), which has allowed diverse celebrities to aspire to the thrill of scaling Everest in their

The machine, which is distributed in the UK by Kynex, consists of a pole at a 30-degree angle against a stand. with levers to work the arms and legs as if climbing - and a computer

Computerised exercise machines do more than keep you healthy. They take you into another, fitter world, says Victoria McKee

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shirts distributed to special customers proclaim "I've climbed Everest". According to Tony Majakas of Kynex, the VersaClimber was designed for the NASA space training programme "10 be a total body machine exercising the upper torso as well as the legs in a very limited space".

But this premium fitness equipment is not just for celebrities.

Alexandra Tramp, aged 41, of Little Chalfont. Buckinghamshire, heard about the VersaClimber at a local fitness centre and bought the middleof-the-range model, at £2,500. She keeps it in her garage, along with an range of simulation exercise equip-ment. I was just working part-time as a receptionist at the time," says

Mrs. Tramp, who has three children. "Shortly after-wards I became pregnant and the VersaClimber was wonderful to use during my preg-nancy. So many ing round to my house to try to use my machines that I've started to give

If swimming the Channel is your fantasy, the stateof-the-art Swimex lap pool (£22,000) could fulfil it. Marketed in Britain for 18 months

(during which time only eight have sold) by Pep Pools, the pool is made by Tillotson & Pearson, a New England firm more famous for its yachts. The current is created by a paddle wheel the full width of the two-metre-wide pool which pulls the water past the swimmer. Its strength can be adjusted as you swim. The basic model, which is three-and-a-half metres long. allows you to swim up to four-and-ahalf miles per hour; the larger, deluxe model (£35,000) permits speeds of up to six miles per hour. Since the Swimex requires less

than a tenth of the water volume of a conventional 30ft pool, it saves a considerable amount not only on space but also on heating and

Pep Reiff, owner of Pep Pools, says: They are just starting to go into have all been private individuals who wanted a pool but had limited space - or wanted to incorporate it into a

house they're building."

Another of the American imports in this buoyant new business is the Par-T Golf simulator, which can now be found in some British golf clubs and in Harrods' Olympic Way, where it is used to demonstrate golf clubs. This E23,750 toy, which with the help of infrared cameras and a computer tracks each golfer's drive and simulates the sensation of playing at nine of the greatest golf courses around the world, will soon be found in private homes. Alex Bladen-Hill of Jonathan Courtney, its UK distributors, even predicts that it will be become a

> least supplement to, golf courses.
> One sports entrepreneur, Tony Lawton of Sandbach, Cheshire, is just waiting for planning permission before he launches a series of what he calls "indoor simulated golf centres" and "stand-alone golf dubs", as they are known in the United States. The 14ft wide screen shows the precise place where each

shot would have landed on the genuine course in question, and is carefully angled so that the real ball does not pop back at

players. Why is this market for luxury fitness equipment showing such vigorous growth in the current climate? Ron Breadney, managing director of Life Fitness Systems, believes it is simply because "people want to feel good about themselves". His company is now marketing the American-made "Life Cycles" (from £1,200) and Life Rower £2,265), which allow users to comprese with computerised chalcompete with computerised chal-lengers or link up with real ones on compatible machines.

The first year I started selling these things, six years ago, we had a turnover of £112,000," he says. "Last year it was £2.4 million, this year more than £3 million." If there is a recession, he feels, his market is

Mr Salzmann agrees. "People today would rather spend money get-ting fit than fat," he says. "Even if they're cutting back in other areas, they're prepared to prioritise - and

fitness is a high priority."

Life Fitness makes a point of only marketing products "for normal people". Mr Bradney emphasises. "If something wouldn't do for a 60-yearold lady who had never exercised before as well as an Olympic athlete. we wouldn't handle it." The new Life Cycle Recumbent exercise bicycle (£2,695), with its comfortable, reclining seat, would suit even Pavaroni, he maintains, as it supports the back and "bigger bottoms which can go numb

Most of this expensive, sophisticated. American-made equipment is confined to exclusive private clubs, such as the new David Lloyd Tennis Centres and marketed merely by word of mouth. Club members use it and enquire about buying it.

rivate trainers put clients in touch with suppliers — often for sizeable commissions and everyone benefits by cutting out the middleman. So Harrods, whose Olympic Way offers retail supplies of exercise equipment, has very few calls for the more expensive items.

According to its buyer Richard Potzesny, "We'd be lucky if we sold more than maybe six PowerJog treadmills a year."

While Harrods will happily order specialised equipment, some items are just too expensive or specialised for the current market. One such is the Aerotrim from Germany, a £6,000 giant gyroscope rather like the American Orbotron, which provides a low-impact aerobics workout for those who do not get dizzy easily. The store has yet to sell one.

Mr Potzesny has just returned from a trade fair of sports equipment in the United States, where the most coveted items available in Britain today have been developed and manufactured. Over there, he noted, "The fitness market is on the decrease - they're pulling their belts in, and sales have been very tough."

Here 100, people are going for the smaller items, he says, such as Reebok "steps" which sell for around £70. Affordable state-of-the art training shoes are also proving popular. Typi-cal of these is the Puma "Disc" (£80-90), launched this month and in the shops from next week. These are constructed with a mechanism which moulds them to fir the foot at the flick of a disc, without laces or Velcro. The choice of exercise, on staircases or mountains, is then yours.



Mountaineer: Alexandra Tramp with her personal £2,500 "total body" VersaClimber

Flu to break the heart

reasonably declined to comment on press reports that suggested that his recent attack of flu had been complicated by myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) and that this was why he had been admitted to hospital.

It seems probable that transient myo-carditis following influenza is very much more common than is supposed, and that only those cases in which the symptoms are severe are diagnosed. Everybody expects to suffer aches and pains in their limb muscles when they have flu and, the argument goes, if these muscles are affected, then why should the virus spare the heart muscle

Other viruses, in particular the Ep-stein-Barr virus that causes glandular fever, the coxsackievirus and other enteroviruses, are also frequent causes of myocarditis. A patient with overt myocarditis suffers from severe fatigue,



MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

complains of chest discomfort, restlessness, a racing heart and palpitations. Changes in the heart sounds, blood tests, and examination by electrocardiogram and ecocardiogram help to make the

Treatment aims to prevent acute fulminant heart failure or, as happens in most cases, the insidious development of chronic failure. In the acute stage, physical demands on the heart muscle rest is essential. If necessary, drugs are prescribed to correct the rhythm of the heart and to counteract any signs of

In some cases steroids are used, but initial optimism about their efficacy has given way to caution. Convalescence is slow and patients who have had obvious myocarditis may takes weeks, or even nonths, to recover.

Although no one would wish anybody to have an unpleasant and dangerous disease, publicity about the condition is useful if it discourages squash players, footballers and other athletes from taking violent exercise when they have flu or a temperature. Every year deaths are reported from this cause. When ill, an athlete should be sitting with his or her feet up by the television set, not out with the flannelled fools running about on the games field.

No room to breathe

WORLD recession or not, people still suffer from peptic ulcers, migraine and asthma, so it is no surprise that last week Glaxo's interim report was as optimistic as ever.

Zantac continues to be widely prescribed for ulcers, Imigran promises to revolutionise the treatment of severe migraine, and its respiratory drugs Becoude, an inhaled steroid, and the beta-agonists Ventolin and Serevent are among the front runners in the treatment of asthma.

The report by the Committee on the Safety of Medicines (CSM) on the treatment of asthma with beta-agonists was also released last week. but appeared too late to get a mention in the Glaxo report. Considerable alarm was

caused last year by press and television speculation that a patient's well-trusted beta-agonist inhaler might be doing more harm than good by causing a dangerously irregular hearibear, and might even be contributing to the increase in the mortality from

The committee, which is a cautious body by nature, is reassuring on the matter. It concluded that the current evidence available did not confirm a suggestion that the increased use of beta-agonists had contributed to the rise of the death rate from asthma, and affirmed its belief that their appropriate prescription enhanced the quality of life for the many patients now suffering from asthma.

Beta-agonists, such as Ventolin, are useful for an acute attack of asthma, and for the prevention of an anticipated attack, as for example before vigorous exercise, or the unavoidable exposure to the mother-inlaw's cat.

The use of longer-acting beta-agonists, such as Serevent ("long-acting" as a term is decried by the CSM, which wants the duration of action to be clearly stated) remains useful in the relief of symptoms in chronic asthma.

Discussing the use of steroid inhalers was not part of the CSM's brief, but these remain the long-term treatment of choice for asthma, only supplemented if need be by the longer-acting beta-



agonists. Ventolin or its equivalent is useful as a firstaid measure. The CSM warns patients of the dangers of increasing the dose, or using a beta-agonist inhaler more frequently without med-

Springing into action



AS THE evenings lighten, joggers, like spring migratory birds, start to reappear in the parks and on the roads. Even in the man who is a 10st 10lb weakling, the impact of each footstep applies a weight pressure of 200lb to the foot, so over a three-mile jog the feet would have had to deal with more than 650 stressful tons.

Training shoes are made with shock-absorbing soles, and runners are also warned to keep to the soft grass so that the jarring impact on the spine, knees and hips is lessened. Even the average person walks around 6.000

paces a day, also absorbing those 650 tons, but usually in traditional footwear that, unlike the training shoe, has little shock-absorbing ability. Scholl has introduced a shoe insert, marketed under the name Backease, which will lend the shock-absorbing

qualities of the runner's trainers to the ordinary shoe. The manufacturer claims that the cushion absorbs about 77 per cent of the shock of the impact which would have otherwise tortured the joints of those who walk or stand on hard floors and concrete



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Schools outlaw sexist jokers

In America, two female pupils have brought lawsuits against their schools for failing to end offensive behaviour by male classmates, Susan Ellicott reports

imes were when a teen-aged boy in Minnesota could twang a girl's bra strap during a maths class and get away with it.
But times have changed, at least

in Minnesota. These days, as part of the first programme of its kind in the United States to eradicate sexual harassment in schools, practical jokers face punishments. For snapping a bra strap, a boy would risk a fine or even expulsion

for repeated offences. "It's kind of graphic," says Sue Slater, a deputy head teacher at the school district of Lakeville outside Minneapolis. "But it works." Before last year, nobody expected to take the issue of sexual harassment so seriously. Indeed, Minnesota used to treat its unruly boys much the same as any other state does: they were considered to be predisposed to teasing girls from the day they entered kinder-garten until the day they gradu-ated. Besides, the girls on the

receiving end of erally giggled and blushed, even if they were offended. Nobody really thought they minded that much Things changed

boy would risk a fine or when two teenaged girls won land-mark lawsuits expulsion for repeated against their schools for failing offences' behaviour by male

Katy Lyle, aged 19, received a settlement of \$15,000 (about £8,380) after charging Duluth Central High School for failing to remove graffiti about her that was written on the walls of a boys' lavatory. The scrawled comments called her a "slut" and linked her name to alleged sexual antics. Ms Lyle asked the school to clean off the writing. Yet it was still there 18

Separately, Jill Olson, aged 16 and in her final year at Chaska High School, hired a lawyer several months after a friend told her that her name was on a typed list being passed around of the "25 most fuckable girls" in her class, ranked in order of sex appeal

and looks. Ms Olson had an "honourable mention" near the top, and she was neither flattered nor amused. "I felt really degraded," she recalls with obvious distaste. "Most people thought it was pretty sick.

First, Ms Olson asked the school to find out who was behind the list and to let all students know that such behaviour was unacceptable. But, she says, the school failed to come up with any culprits despite a range of suspects. Finally, as the principal decided to drop the issue, Ms Olson decided she could not. She was especially angry that a female dean suggested she was making a fuss over nothing and that it was she, not the authors of the list, who might need counsel-

"All of a sudden something just hit me," she says, now an articu-late 20-year-old studying telecom-munications and Spanish at a local state college. In her view the long line of intimidation by

boys at school which included 'For snapping sexist jokes, sexual-ly-explicit graffiti, a bra strap, a and stereotyped portrayals of women in drama skits. "I don't want to use the word ignorance," she adds. "But people are so used to accepting the boys will be boys thing that they need the education

> is disrespectful." She found that her experiences were not unusual. Indeed, in a strange twist that reflects shared stoicism, many of her close friends tried to persuade her to abandon her lawsuit because they saw the boys' behaviour as a standard rite of passage through adolescence and held out little hope of any change. (Britain hardly boasts a better record. In my first week at university, the rowdier members of the men's rowing and rugby teams called out scores out of a maxi-mum ten for the "freshettes" lined up in the college refectory to take their meals.)

understand that certain behaviour

Despite the lack of peer support.



Not flattered: Student Jill Olson believes that "people need the education to understand that certain behaviour is disrespectful"

Minnesota's human rights com-mission sided with the two girls. A panel ruled that their schools appeared to have condoned the boys' behaviour, because they failed to respond quickly to their complaints. "Naturally, it was upsetting to think that we had fallen short in one family's eyes," says Nancy Kracke, a spokes-woman for Ms Olson's former school, which denies that it neglected to help the disgrumtled former pupil. "But it made us really examine how we are approaching this subject."
Stirred by the successful law-

suits, Minnesota has passed a law requiring all senior schools to adopt anti-sexual harassment policies. Among the conditions, which came into effect several months ago, are the posting of rules on prominent noticeboards and the appointment of an official at each school to record in writing grievances by students, male or female. Ms Kracke says, "We're a mirror of what's happening in society at

Big American firms and institutions in past months have been anxious to show that they do not tolerate demeaning working

environments for women after the televised hearings last autumn into allegations of sexual harassment against the Supreme Court judge, Clarence Thomas, by his former assistant, law professor Anita Hill. So topical is the issue that schools in socially liberal Minnesota seem to be competing to prove that are doing the most to help their students overcome the misguided thinking that often leads to sexual harassment

But in a country where "political correctness" and sexual equality are national buzzwords, few people seem to be surprised that teenage boys are still pulling insensitive stunts. Ms Olson's mother. Susan Strauss, herself a co-author of the state's revised curriculum on sexual harassment, thinks the problem has worsened since her youth. Keen to avoid further negative publicity, Chaska High School has sent a letter to every home in the district about the outcome of Ms Olson's lawsuit and has begun training teachers to recognise potential trouble in

But teachers have to be realistic about what they can achieve if parents do not set good examples at home. As two exasperated Chaska teachers wrote to their local newspaper, a few excitable teenagers "will continue to depant others just as some of us will continue to exceed the speed limit when no cops are around". Some schools, including Lakeville High, have set aside blocks of time for workshops that discuss sexual relationships or swap views on what it is like to be male or female and deal with unwanted attention from the opposite sex.

To smooth things along, the state government has even drawn up a pack of tips on how to give three one-hour lessons, including definitions of the differences between harmless flirtation, which does not upset anyone, and harassment, which is unwelcome even if it involves the same words.

ven with the best intentions, the classes are strewn with pitfalls. Of-ten, boys feel that their teachers are "male-bashing" and call on the girls to lighten up about their behaviour. Older teachers, especially men, sometimes find it hard to deal with an issue of which they were never made aware as youngsters. And, unless they split the anti-harassment seminars with male role models, women teachers are occasionally victimised even as they try to inform those who most need guidance.

This month, two "particularly obnoxious" boys were suspended from school after they unzipped their flies to embarrass and disrupt a woman lecturer in front of 300 pupils, says Sue Sattel, a former juvenile delinquency social worker who oversees the state's

'sex equity programme".

Ms Sattel sees a range of potential benefits for Minnesota from the programme. At the very least, she hopes to boost the self-esteem of girls who might other-wise be tempted to ditch courses regarded as traditionally male. More controversially, she predicts that sexual harassment workshops might also prevent some young men from committing violent crimes, including rape, by show-ing "another way for a boy to be a man other than being tough and disrespectful toward women".

Meanwhile, lawyers are still arguing about the size of Jill Olson's settlement and parents in Duluth and Chaska are divided over whether the two girls took a brave stand for their daughters' long-term interests or overreacted to the excusable immaturity of their sons.

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Car wars: Kevin Eason stands in awe of the Toyota Carina E, while Vaughan Freeman takes the new Ford for a spin

Admirable of the fleet

apart this week her-alded what could be a significant shift in the balance of power in Britain's motor industry. In the south of France, Ford tried to shrug off its recent mistortunes with the launch of high-performance Escort derivatives using the long-awaited new Zeta engine

Ian McAllister, chairman of Ford of Britain's, hopes the multi-valve Zeta power packs will provide the tonic his lacklustre Escort range needs to square up to the growing competition, not least from rapidly improving Japanese

Meanwhile, what was happening in fog-bound Birmingham, could only have served to depress him, as Toyota executives unveiled the new car which will be built at Burnaston, Derbyshire, later this year.

The Carina E (the E stands for "Excellence in Europe", Toyota says) is a spacious, medium-sized car which enters the UK market as a direct competitor to some of Britincluding Ford's Sierra.

Although journalists had no more than a look at the car this week, it was easy to spot that the Carina E is a wellmade car of a quality good enough to attract company

fleet buyers in droves. The third-generation Carina is a lot bigger than its predecessor, with the wheelbase extended by 55mm to provide more interior space, and boot space increased by 20 litres to 470 litres in the

In a car which boasts of its high build quality, attention to tiny detail is important, says Masazumi Konishi, the chief engineer on the Carina

He has ensured a more streamlined shape by a ensur-ing very close panel fit so that each joint of the car is virtually flush. For example, the gap between the doorframe and window glass comes down from 6.1 mm, in the old model, to 4.3mm.

The four-door saloons and five-door hatchbacks will come with five engine variants: two 1.6 litre petrol, two

2 litre petrol and a 2 litre diesel. Toyota admits that the first cars will be more Japa-nese than British, with a local content of components as low as 50 per cent in the early Burnaston models and the first cars on sale coming from

However, in the summer. 1.6 litre engines will start to arive from a new plant at Shotton, Clwyd, the second strand of Toyota's £840 million British investment.

urnaston will start pilot production in the autumn, with 1,700 workers, at first, operating in one of the world's most modern production plants. For example, air conditioning systems in the cars, which would conventionally use chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), have been replaced with hydrofluorocarbons which unlike CFCs, do not harm the ozone

Within three years, European components are expected to comprise 80 per cent of the Carina E. Half of the parts, worth about £700 million a



The wheel thing: Toyota's Carina E stands for Excellence in Europe, and first impressions are more than favourable

year, are likely to come from British companies. By 1995. Burnaston will be making 100,000 cars a year,

with about 35,000 expected

to find British homes. With its high specifications. high-quality manufacturing from a greenfield site and the customary clever marketing of the Japanese, the Carina E is pitched at the heart of the medium car sector, which accounts for a quarter of all British sales.

Within that sector falls the crucial company car market, in which Toyota wants to gain a significant foothold. Company car drivers are increasingly free to exercise choice over which models

they buy and Toyota believes that companies will list the Carina E as a British car very

That means a formidable challenge to the manufacturers of models such as the Ford Sierra, Vauxhall's Cavalier and the Peugeot 405.

Unless the market does revive soon, and approach the

2.3 million annual sales logged in the happier days of 1989. Toyota will be battling for the same customers as Ford and Vauxhall. And the Carina E has all the qualities

Mr McAllister should enjoy the sunshine now ... more storm clouds could be on the

of a winner.

quieter car.

HEADWISE Rover builds

ROVER is making rapid progress in attracting new customers among company car users, according to a survey by Cowie Interleasing. Rover increased its share of the market to 13.1 per cent in January, compared to 11.4 per cent in 1991. Ford remains the top company cur provider, with 24.3 per cent of the market, down from 29.4 per cent last January.

Renault plan

RENAULT is offering a new insurance policy to help mo-torists whose cars are written off or stolen but still owe their finance companies money. The Renault Gap Insurance plan is designed to bridge the shortfall, caused by depreciation, between the insurance company settlement and the

Royce rolls

THE first Bentley Continental R model has been delivered to a customer in Florida. The car, costing £175,000, is the first of 600 which will be made in the next two years, all pre-sold and worth about £105 million to Rolls-Royce.

Crows' feat

MOTORISTS on Teesside have been under attack from crows. The bad-tem-pered birds apparently swoop down and strip windscreen wipers from parked vehicles. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds says the birds are just protecting their territory. They see their own reflections in the windscreen and attack what they think is an intruder.

Marques men

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Ford's noisy new baby

ord has poured £500 million into the development of its new Zeta engine range, an investment that must pay off to ensure the company's survival into

the next century. The Zeta will be seen for the first time next month in the sporty Escort XR3i model, which has been one of Ford's big moneyspinners in recent years, Vaughan

Freeman writes.

The high profile XR3i will be the ideal model for Ford to show off the 16-valve Zeta engines, which will power most of the company's mid-sized vehicles for many years

The first version of the engine is a 1.8 litre, offering either 105, or 130 brake horse power. Within 18 months, 1.6 litre and

2 litre versions of the engines will appear as the Bridgend, South Wales factory turns out one engine every 21 seconds. Only a discreet badge on the

boot and a sticker on the engine indicate the cars are powered by

The big question facing motor-ists is: will they be able to tell the difference between the old and the new once they are behind the steering wheel?
The XR3i handles wonderfully.

assisted by anti-lock brakes, which cost £525 extra. They proved their worth on a test run when confronted by a large French truck on the winding

roads around Cannes. Power steering is standard, which was much appreciated when poor navigation resulted in the need for a U-turn on the same narrow winding roads. With claimed performance of 0-

60mph in about nine seconds and a top speed of 126mph, the XR3i can hold its own against rivals from Vanxhall and Citroën. Where the Ford could miss out on sales is its price. At £14,995 for the 130bhp version (£14,245 for the 105bhp), the car is £2,325 dearer than the rival Citroen ZX Volcane and £2,245 dearer than the British built Vauxhall Astra

So is Ford's new XR3i worth paying extra for?
I found the engine too noisy when revved hard and even when idling there was vibration through the driver's seat.

The XR3i though makes no claims to be anything other than a sporty little number and I wondered whether the staid stablemate Orion Ghia Si, with the same engine, would prove more civilised.

Equipped with power steering as standard, a five-speed gearbox and uprated suspension, it handles well and is easy to drive. At motorway speeds wind and road noise levels are comfortable but again engine noise could prove

engine is a successful operation. Ford could be bypassed by the competition. BOADTEST

John Bendrey, Ford's executive

engineer, says development work will continue in an effort to make

the engines run more smoothly.

Efficient multi-valve engines have been available for many years

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Cottage not part of main house

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith

[Judgment February 19] For the purposes of the private residence exemption from capital gains tax, a cottage lived in by the taxpayer's gardener and situated some 175 metres away from the main house did not form part of the dwelling house occupied by the taxpayer as her residence.

A separate building was not to be treated as part of another dwelling house within the mean ing of section 101 of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 unless it was within the curtilage of, and appurtenant to the main hor

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judements allowing an appeal by the Crown from the decision of Mr Justice Mervyn Davies (The Times December 6. upheld Sevenoaks general commissioners determination that the taxpayer, Lady Beryl Rook, was entitled to the relief on the gain from the sale of No I Hop Cottages, Newlands,

By section 101 of the 1979 Act

attributable to the disposal of . . . a dwelling house which is, or has at any time in his period of ownership been, his only or main

In 1968 Lady Rook bought in Kent, with ten acres of land and two cottages. In 1979 she sold one of the cottages for £33,000. At the relevant times it had been occupied by the gardener.
The commissioners concluded

that the cottage "formed part of the entity which comprised the dwelling house of Newlands" so that the taxpayer was entitled to relief from tax on the gain accruing to her on its sale. Mr Nicholas Warren for the Crown; Mr David Milne, QC. for

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that the Crown maintained that no reasonable tribunal of fact properly directing itself, could have concluded that the cottage and Newlands together formed one dwelling house which was the

taxpayer's residence. In Batey v Wakefield ((1982) 55 TC 550) the Court of Appeal had held that the buildings which formed part of a taxpayer's dwell-

As a result of that decision topether with the decisions in Markey v Sanders (1987) 1 WLR 864) and Williams v Merrylees (1987) 1 WLR 1511), the current satisfactory and it was hardly surprising that different comm sioners had reached conclusions which were not always easy to understand

It was necessary to go back to the words of section 101. First to be determined was what in the particular case constituted the "dwelling house". It could consist of more than one building even if the other building itself con-stituted a separate dwelling

Attention had to be focused on the dwelling house which was said to constitute the entity. To seek to identify the taxpayer's residence might lead to confusion because where, as here, the house formed part of a small estate, it was all too easy to consider the estate as his residence and from that to con-clude that all the buildings on the were part of his res The Crown's case was that no building could form part of a dwelling house which included a

the curtilage of the main house.

That was a helpful approach. It involved the application of wellrecognised legal concepts and might avoid the surprising findings of fact in Markey v Sanders, Williams v Merrylees and the present case.

Had the commissioners applied the right test: "Was the cottage within the curtilage of, and appurtenant to, Newlands, so as to be a part of the entity which. with Newlands, conuted the dwelling house occupied by the taxpayer as her residence? they could not have reached the decision which they

175 metres from Newlands and separated from it by a large garden with no intervening buildings other than greenhouses and a shed led to the inescapable conclusion that the cottage was not within the curtilage of, and appurtenant to. Newlands and so was not part of the entity which, together with Newlands constituted the taxopyer's dwelling

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith agreed Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland: Revenue; Mrs Susan Newlands,

Selective admissions policy lawful

Regina v Kingston upon Thames Royal London Borough Council, Ex parte Emsden and Another Before Mr Justice Schiemann

[Judgment February 24] There was nothing intrinsically or inevitably unlawful in a local education authority maintaining a selective school basing the admissions policy of its pupils upon their ability and their geographical distance from the graphical distance from the school.

in the Queen's Bench Division on dismissing an application by way of indicial review of Mr Alan John Emsden and Mr Basil Joshua Yoxall-Harary, against the resolu-tion of the Royal London Borough of Kingston upon Thames on July 23. 1991, in respect of Tiffin School, a voluntary controlled secondary school wholly maintained by the local education authority, to adopt a two stage policy for admission of its pupils:
(i) to obtain a pool of the most ademically successful children.

those living nearest to the school Mr Andrew E. C. Thompson for the applicant; Miss Elizabeth

and as the pool contained signifi-

cantly more pupils than could be accepted (ii) to award places to

Appleby, QC and Mr Richard McManus for Kingston.

MR JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said that section 6(3)(c) of the Education Act 1980 envisaged a situation in which preferred school (were) based partly on selection by reference to ability or aptitude".

It was implicit that the arrangments would be based partly on the possession by the

second qualifization might be that the pupil lived within a given distance of the school or that he had a sibling there or that the pupil was of a given sex. In-evitably that would discriminate against those who did not possess that second attribute. That disadvantage was not against the

There was nothing intrinsically or inevitably unlawful in a local

education authority's area were effectively denied a right of access policy.

However, there could be circumstances in which the adoption of a policy which had that result was attended by a motivation which rendered the adoption of that policy illegal.

Solicitors: Dale & Newbery.

Misuse of suspended sentence power

Regina v Helder

A suspended sentence should not be used to avoid the early release of a defendant who had spent time in custody on remand.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Leggatt, Mr Justice Hutchison and Mr Justice Laws) so stated on February 11 when allowing an appeal by Stephen Helder against a sentence of six months imprisonment, sus-pended for two years, imposed by pended for two years, imposed by Judge Mendi on May 24, 1991 in Knightsbridge Crown Court on

the appellant's conviction of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Their Lordships substituted a sentence of five months

MR JUSTICE HUTCHISON said that the sentencing judge apparently expressed the view that an appropriate sentence would be six months imprisonment. The appellant had already served three months in custody on remand and if the sentence was made immediately custodial he at once because of his remand

The judge considered that it would be better to suspend the sentence because it would be a good thing to have it hanging

The imposition of a sentence of six months suspended for two years meant that the appellant was at risk of serving a full six months without any credit if he committed any further offence in the next two years. That was using a suspended sentence in a way in

Reporting banning orders

Newspapers Ltd and

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Brooke

[Judgment February 20] Whether the strict liability rule applied under section 2(2) of the tempt of Court Act 1981 in respect of a publication, the court had to ask in each case whether in the circumstances the publication created at the time of its publication a substantial risk that the course of justice would be seriously impeded or prejudiced. The

risk had to be a practical risk.
As to orders made under section 4(2) of the 1981 Act, it might in some cases be appropriate for the judge to make plain whether and to what extent the making and the terms of the order could be The Queen's Beach Divisional

Court so held in dismissing the application by the Attorney general under Order 52 of the Roies of the Supreme Court, that Guardian Newspapers Ltd be fined for comempt of court and that Mr Peter Rodgers be committed to prison for such contempt. Guardian Newspapers Ltd were the publishers of The

Guardian and Mr Rodgers was the city editor of that newspaper. The contempt was alleged to have been committed by the publication of an article in The Guardian on May 11, 1989, headed "In big frand cases, judges appear to be over-sensitive. The respondents denied that they were guilty of

At the trial of six defendants in Manchester Crown Court the defendants had pleaded not guilty to five counts of dishonesty. Criminal proceedings against some of the six were pending in the Isle of Man and in other proceedings in Manchester. An order under section 4(2) of the 1981 Act was made to prevent publication of

any reports of the trial. Mr Alan Moses, QC, Mr Philip Havers and Mr John M. Cooper for the Attorney-general; Mr Syd-ney Kentridge, QC and Mr An-drew Caldecott for the respondents; Mr Andrew G. Moran for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE MANN, said that the Attorney-general alleged that the respondents were guilty of contempt of court under the strict liability rule under section 1 of the 1981 Act.

The article was a publication within section 2(1) of the 1981 Act and the proceedings against the six defendants were active at time of the publication. The argument had been whether the article created the

risk referred to in section 2(2) namely a substantial risk that the

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ings in question would be seri-ously impeded or prejudiced. Mr Moses submitted that the

statutory criterion as explained by Lord Diplock in Attorney general v English [1983] 1 AC 116, 142) was satisfied at the time of the publication in that any disclosure of an accused person having by inference been charged with another offence would create more than a remote risk of substantial prejudice should the disclosure had came to the atten-

tion of the juror. That was too wide a proposition, for the requisite risk would not ordinarily be created by reporting of a defendant, who was on trial for an offence of fraud. that he had been charged with for example, a minor road traffic offence, neither the outcome of the trial nor the need to discharge the jury would be put at the requisite degree of risk by the report because the probability of

tregligible.
The position might be different if an issue in the fraud trial was whether the defendant was or was whether the cenerotatal was of was not in a particular place on a particular day and the report implied that he was. The case might then be similar to those concerning the publication of the photograph of an accused person: see R v Daily Mirror and Another, Ex parte Smith ([1927]

The crucial question occuliar to

of its publication a substantial risk that the course of justice would be seriously impeded or

prejudiced.

The risk must be a practical risk and not a theoretical risk: see Attorney-general v News Group Newspapers Ltd [1987] QB 1, 16C, 19D).

Whether the respondents would have been able to publish the trial judges' order made under section 4(2) of the 1981 Act depended upon whether such a report would have been a report of "legal proceedings held in public".

It was very doubtful whether it was, but if it was, then any reporting of it could cause the very mischlef which the order was made to prevent.

Accordingly, it might in some cases be appropriate for the judge to make plain whether and to what extent the making and the terms of the order could be published. Whether it was appropriate

was, like any question of recorting restrictions, a matter which could best be discussed at the time of any preliminary hearing in acany presiminary nearing in ac-cordance with the view of the Court of Appeal Criminal Di-vision in Ex parte The Daily Telegraph (unreported, CA. Telegraph (unreport September 26, 1991).

MR JUSTICE BROOKE said that the courts should be diligent in accommodating and under-

make orders which prevented the going on in a public court those orders should be drafted and made public in a way which made it crystal clear what the Press could or could not do both in reporting the proceedings themelves and in reporting the terms

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of the order. The status of the news media as the trustees of the general public, whose eyes and ears they were, was authoritatively identified by Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, in Attorney general v Guardian Newspapers Ltd (No 2) (1990) 1 AC 109, 183).

If a judge needed help in determining whether or not he should make an order under section 4(2), and in particular as wide an order as was made in the present case, which would have had the effect of banning all contemporaneous reporting of a fraud trial involving losses over half a million pounds, he was always at liberty to adjourn consideration of the matter until the Press could be represented, if it wished, or order that he could have the help of an amicus curiae to refer him to the relevant

That too underlined the desirability of dealing with those sues before the trial. Solicitors: CPS, Headquarters; Lovell White Durrant; Brown

Education authority duty

Regina v Birmingham City Council, Ex parte Equal Op-portunities Commission (No

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Rose

[Judgment February 17] In performance of its statutory duties to provide grammar school places withour sexual discrimina-tion, a local education authority was obliged to take into account places available for boys at a grant maintained school.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in granting declaratory relief to the Equal Opportu-nities Commission in ar application for judicial review of a decision taken by Birmingham City Council.

Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr David Pannick for the comion; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Richard McManus for the council.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the judgment of the court, the local education authority's

Education Act 1944, as amended by section 3 of the Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1948, Schedule 7 to the Education Act 1980, section 21 of the Education Act 1981 and Schedule 13, Part II to the Education Act 1988, and under section 23(1) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 was a continuing one.

It was particularly to be noted that the duty on the local edu-cation authority imposed by sec-tion 8 was to secure sufficient and education: that is, it was the provision not the maintenance of schools which was crucial.

Such provision took many forms including in appropriate cases, payment for places at ndent schools. While the council's section 8 functions were carried out not in relation to the grant maintained

school but in relation to the children in its area they could not the boys. be carried out in blinkers.

There was nothing in the legislation to exclude grant main-

consideration. It was impossible successfully to contend that the council was entitled to ignore the fact that in one year 120 boys would go to a grant maintained grammar school following the 11

plus examination.

That had to reduce the pressure on places for boys in voluntary schools with a consequently discriminating effect on girls, who were provided in such schools with approximately the same number of places as boys. The second issue raised had been resolved by agreement be-tween the parties that sex discrimination had to be assessed

by reference to an individual rather than to a group. Accordingly, the provision by a loca education authority of an equal number of places for boys and girls did not avoid sex discrimina tion if the girls were required to achieve a higher pass mark than

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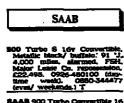
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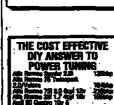
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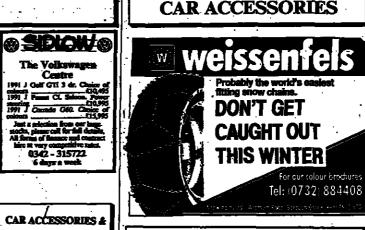
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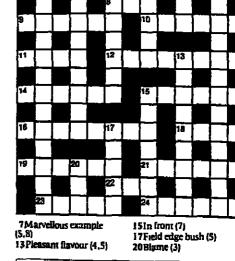
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(Ceetax) (s) (60780225) 1.50 Film: Phar Lap (1983) starring Tom Burlinson and Martin Vaughan. Likeable and moving story, based on fact, about an Australian racehorse of the 1920s that began its career as a loser but was turned into a champion by a perceptive trainer and his young groom. Directed by Simon Wincer (45032312)

3.35 Cartoon Double Bill (r) (6426664) 3.50 Bitsa. Simon Pascoe and

3.35 Cartoon Double Sill (r) (6426684) 3.50 Bitsa. Simon Pascoe and Carilin Easterby with ideas on recycling household junk (6447157) 4.05 Jackenory. Cathy Tyson with the final part of the story The Princess Watch, by Bernard Ashley (6944848) 4.20 The Further Adventures of SuperTed (r) (9531732) 4.30 Take Two. Young viewers air their views of television coverage of sport (s) (2927867) 4.55 Newsround Extra. Terry Baddoo reports from Kenya on the success of the ban on ivory trading (3580041) 5.05 Grange Hill. Children's school drams serial (Ceefax) (s) (5054428) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (909480). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax)

Weather (515)
6.30 Regional News magazines (867). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan with Gloria Hunniford. Tonight's guests are Cliff Richard,
Annette Bening and the group Wet Wet (6) (960374) 7.35 Harry and the Hendersons. American comedy series about a suburban family who adopt a six foot creature after accidentally njuring him while they were on a camping holiday. (Ceefax) (s)

8.00 in Sickness and in Health. In this week's episode of Johnny Speight's comedy series the rascible Alf (Warren Mitchell) decides to earn a little money by directing car-driving football supporters to parking spaces near the West Ham ground. Starring Warren Mitchell. (Ceefax) (s) (5645) 8.30 Caught in the Act. Home video disasters. (Ceefax) (s) (7480)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (4374) 9.30 Love Hurts. Comedy drama series created by Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran about the tentative romance between a selfmade successful businessman (Adam Faith) and a charity worker (Zoe Wanamaker). Frank tries to persuade Tessa to move into his apartment but doesn't get the response he was hoping for. (Ceefax) (s) (233119)



Graduating to adulthood: the adolescent bras-packers (10.20pm)

10.20 Film: St Elmo's Fire (1985) staming Emifio Estevez and Rob Lowe. A brai-pack drama about a group of seven college graduates coming to terms with adult life in their different ways. Described by one critic as abrasive tripe that wastes the talents of fine young actors. Directed by Joel Schumacher. (Ceefex) (s) (522747). Northern Ireland: Sportscene 10.45-12.35em Film: Gettipoli.

am Film: Mitchell (1975) starting Joe Don Baker and Martin Balsam. Tough and tense thriller about a maverick Los Angeles detective who investigates the murder of an unarmed burglar and ends up on the trail of drug traffickers. Written by lan Kennedy Martin (of *The Sweeney*) and directed by Andrew V. McLeglen (223455) 1.40 Weather (2178233)

BBC 2

5.45 Open University: An Historian at Work (8904428). Ends at 7.10 8.00 BBC Breakfast News (2041409) 8.15 West of business from both Houses (3066393) enster. A round up

9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather (18178585) followed by Words and Pictures.
Reading for five to seven-year-olds (r) 2.15 Weekend Outlook. A preview of Open University programmes (r) (10084645)
2.20 Sport on Friday presented by Helen-Rollason. Athletics: action from the first day of the European indoor championships from

Genca. The commentator is Brendan Foster, Bowls: the Midland Bank world indoor championships from the Guild Hall, Preston (s); Motor Racing: a preview of the new Formula 1 season which begins this weekend in South Africa. With News and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 (38803664)

5.00 A Question of Sport, John Barnes, in his farewell appearance as captein, is joined by Jonathan Davies and Mark James. Bill Beaumont capteins Allison Fisher and Lee Chapman. The question-master is David Coleman (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7003) 5.38 Top Gear, includes a report on the rumoured revival of the Ford

Capri (r) (916)
6.00 Thunderbirds. Gerry Anderson's cuit puppet science fiction

series. (Ceefex) (304374) 6.50 Dr Who (b/w). The last episode of *The Mind Robber*, starring

Patrick Troughton, first shown in 1968 (554515)
7.10 Star Treic: 25th Anniversary Special. William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy take a behind-the scenes look at the making of the latest Star Trek movie, The Undiscovered Country, and reflect on a quarter of a century of the television version. (Ceefax) (526954) 8.00 Public Eye: Brixton — Life on the Inside. Part two of Peter

London prison (6515) 8.30 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton is in Sri Lanka to see how gardeners use coconut as a substitute for peat; and Liz Rigbey discovers how an overgrown cemetery became a wild flow garden (5022)

Taylor's report on what life is like for the inmates of the south



Rock around the Soviet bloc: American Dean Reed (9.00pm) 9.00 Arena: The Incredible Case of Comrade Rockstar

CHOICE: Dean Reed was an American rock singer big in the Soviet bloc but almost unknown in his own country and he met an early and mysterious death, which has been variously attributed to the Stasi, the CIA and his own hand. Whether he is worth 90 minutes of Arena's time is arguable but director Leslie Woodhead and American journalist Reggie Nadelson do their best to convince us. Reed was an impossibly handsome all-American boy of the Pat Roone are who was consistent to convince and are the converse and are the converse and the converse and the converse are who was converted to converse. Boone era who was converted to communism after seeing poverty in Latin America and later settled in East Germany. A modest performer of other people's songs. Reed enjoyed a huge vogue in the Soviet Union during the 1960s and 1970s but went into decline with the arrival of glasnost. His body was fished out of a lake near East Berlin when he was only 47 (3645) Newsnight with Sue Cameron (446041)

11.15 What the Papers Say presented by Mark Lawson of The Independent (614190). Wales: Wales in Westminster 11.45-12.00 What the Papers Say 11.30 Scruting, Iain McWhirter looks at the work of parlia

es (60770) **12.00 Weather** (7528788)

sing Out (1988) starring Mathias Freihof. Award wiming East German drama about a young schoolteacher who finds his private and professional life threatened by his homosexuality. Directed by Heiner Carow. In German with English subtitles (367967). Ends at 2.00

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6.00 TV-am (9050409) 9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game show hosted by Lennie Bennett (s) (1867751) 9.55 Thames News (4813848) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical matter (1292637)

10.40 This Morning. Family matters magazine (3526935) 12.10 Rainbow Learning series for pre-school children (2232577) 12.30 News with Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather (6387935) 1.10

Thames News (53237138) 1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (97143867) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s) (52547461) 2.20 Snooker. The opening frames of the semi-finals of the Pearl Assurance British open, introduced by Nick Owen from the

Assembly Rooms, Derby (8676461) 3.15 (TN News headlines (8490954) 3.20 Thames News headlines

(8497867) 3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama serial (6803206) 3.55 Cartoon featuring Porky Pig (r) (7251003) 4.05 Tiny Toon Adventures (8136886) 4.25 Truckers. Animated adventure series

(s) (6942480) 4.40 Spatz. The first of a new series of the comedy

drama set in a tast food restaurant (1651683) 5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (5048867) 5.40 News with Alastau Stewart. (Oracle) Weather (154003) 5.55 6 O'Clock Live. Magazine series presented by Frank Bough and

Joanna Sheldon (356577) 6.55 The Day. Twenty-four hours in the hectic life of Labour MP Tony

Banks (705312) 7.00 The Help Squad. The start of a new series of the show designed to solve viewers' problems, introduced by Michael Parkinson

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (119) 8.00 Surgical Spirit. Agreeable hospital comedy starring Nichola McAuliffe as a fractious consultant. (Oracle) (3041) 8.30 Second Thoughts. Lynda Bellingham and James Bolam star in the percipient comedy series about a couple content marriage for the second time. (Oracle) (s) (9848)



Fortune seekers: Bennett, Harker and Hackett (9.00pm)

9.00 Growing Rich CHOICE: Hardly have the final credits rolled on The Cloning of Joanna May than we have enother. Fay Weldon story which promises to break the shackles of naturalistic drama. A six-part television original, Growing Rich finds three 17-year-old girls (Rosalind Bennett, Claire Hackett and Caroline Harker) in the throes of taking their A levels. Their small East Anglian town is "dullsville", their home backgrounds are unhappy and they are determined to leave for fame and fortune. One me celemined to leave for rame and tortune. One means of escape is the chauffeur to a local businessman, cast as the devil in a modern version of the Faust story. He is given creepy substance by Gary Kemp, of Spandau Ballet and The Krays. Apart from Faust, the presence of a fortune-teller and references to Lady Macbeth are signals that we are not in for a conventional tale of teenage substitute (Charlet 1993). rebellion. (Oracle) (1393)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Nicholas Owen. (Oracle)

her (45193) 10.30 LWT News and weather (38368) 10.40 The London Programme. Trevor Phillips reports on the legacy of the poli tax (29125577)

11.10 Snooker. The concluding frames of the semi-finals of the Pearl Assurance British open (188645)

12.35am My Riviera. A guided tour of actor Roger Moore's Riviera home

1.05 The James Whale Radio Show. More phone in callers face verbal abuse from the abrasive chat show host (s) (5556900) 2.10 American Gladiators. More feats of strength and ingenuity involving both sexes (s) (6889097)

tractions. The latest news from the American movie 3.05 Cinem 3.35 Raw Power, Rock music videos (s) (4174815)
4.35 Garrison's Gorillas. Second world war adventures of an irregular

American army detechment based in Europe (4866894) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tom Nellson (76165). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (9041751) 9.25 Schools (94255393) 12.00 The Partisment Programme presented by Sarah Baxter. Includes Sir Robin Day interviewing a leading political figure (95616)

12.30 Business Daily. (28119)
1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining pre-school learning series. The

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guest is actor Robin Williams (16374) 2.00 Film: Gentleman Jim (1942, b/w). The Errol Flynn season continues with his portrayal of the 19th-century boxer James J. Corbett who became the first world champion under the rules laid down by the Marquess of Queensbury. Easy-going biopic, directed by Raoul Walsh. (Teletext) (8206)
4.00 Travelog. The last in the series features reports from Belize and

Pompeii (r). (Teletext) (s) (848)

4.30 Countdown, Richard Whiteley introduces another round of the words and numbers game (s) (732) 5.00 Coast of Dreams. The second of two progra

realities of life for expatriate Brits living on the Costa del Sol and for their native neighbours (r) (1206) 6.00 Happy Days. Nostalgic high school comedy series set in 1950s

Milwaukee, starring Henry Winkler as the super-cool Fonz. 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross, includes a tribute to Elizabeth Taylor on her 60th birthday. The guest is singer Barry White (s)

577) 7.00 Channel 4 News with Dermot Murraghan and Zeinab Badawi.

(Teletext) Weather (522138)

7.50 First Reaction. A rap version of a boy scout camp fire song is

reviewed (747683) 8.00 Brookside, Soap set in a suburban Merseyside close (1683)



Made in Britain: pupils at Campana finishing school (8.30pm)

8.30 Short Stories: Learning to be Ladies. CHOICE: Time was when finishing school suggested uppercrust British gars going to Switzerland to brush up their social graces. But it appears that the recession has hit this activity as so much else. Now the process is being reversed. Foreign girls are coming here, in the first of a new series of documentaries by firsttime directors, Jane Stephenson reports from the Campana finishing school in Farnham, Surrey. For $\Sigma4,020$ a term (plus VAT) young women from Nigerla, Japan or Argentina are instructed in such skills as running a dinner party, flower arranging and walking down a staircase in a long cress. Robert Frost, who runs the Campana with his wife, says: "We are setting something very English." He should have said British, for the Campana's Saturday evening treat is to import Sandhurst cadets for Scottish dancing

9.09 Cheers. More comedy from the patrons and staff of the celebrated Boston hostelry. (Teletext) (s) (2652)
9.30 Flowering Passions. The second of a ten-part series presented by Anna Pavord on choosing and growing flowers in the garden. Tonight's programme teatures magnolias in Comwall and rhododendrons in Scotland (r). (Teletext) (31683) 10.00 Dream On. Last in the bitter-sweet south comedy series starring
Brian Benben as a publisher readjusting to single life after his

divorce. Tonight a friendly poker game becomes more serious after Martin's boss gatecrashes the action. (Teletext) (s) (371003) 10.35 Whose Line is it Anyway?. A compilation of out-takes from the last series of the improvised comedy show, presented by Clive Anderson (s) (792732) 11.10 The Word. Showbiz magazine with interviews, music and gossip

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Among the musical guests are John Lydon (693022)

12.10em Film: Roadle (1980). A sideways look at the rock music industry starting Meat Loaf as an eccentric electronics buff who wants to meet Alice Cooper. With Debbie Harry, Hank Williams Jr and Roy Orbison. Directed by Alan Rudolph (s) (978368)

2.05 Tonight with Jonathum Ross (r) (a) (8936813). Ends at 2.35

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (2717067) 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot (666645) 8.55 Playabout (4024022) 9.10 Cartoons (4619751) 9.30 The (4024022) 9.10 Cartours (4519751) 9.30 The New Leave it to Beaver (62577) 10.00 Maude (13866) 10.30 The Young Doctors (32848) 11.00 The Bold and the Beautital (61374) 11.30 The Young and the Resultial (61374) 11.30 The Young and the Resultial (74428) 12.30pm Barnaby Jones (78460) 1.30 Another World (4979935) 2.20 Santa Barbara (79701312) 2.45 Wife of the Week (761205) 3.15 The Brady Bunch (768119) 3.45 The DJ Kat Show (4059022) 5.00 Drifrent Strokes (6393) 5.30 Beviluthed (6885) 6.00 Facts of Life (3799) 6.30 Candid Camera (7751) 7.00 Love at First Sight (6157) 7.30 Pariser Levis Court Louis (8395) mera (7751) 7.00 Love at First Sight 57) 7.30 Pericer Lewis Cen't Lose (3935) (6157) 7.30 Perker Lewis Cen't Lose (3935) 8.00 Regs to Riches (11867) 9.00 Hunter (91003) 10.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling (94190) 11.00 Film: Night of the Living Dead

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Seet Liver in a martier stream (377279) nhooker (1990): James Lorinz Susan Lucci is a murder suspect (973320) 4.15 Logee Cannons (1990): Police comed starring Gene Hackman and Dan Aykroyd (851417). Ends at 5.50

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A British boy woos a French girl (541119)

• 1.5 Dr Snuggles: Carloon (622935)

10.15 The Asphalt Jungle (1950): A convict plans a first helst (652795)

12.15 pm Mirage (1950): Gregory Peck plays an amnesiac (907751)

2.15 1 Never Sang For My Father (1970): Gene Hackman cares for his dad (927515)

4.15 The Steam Driven Adventures of Phyerboat Bilt: Carloon (4415005): Sterring Jane Fonds and Fobert Denko (1309): Sterring Jane Fonds and Fobert Denko (1309):

8.00 Mountains of the Moon (1990): Victorian explorers search for the source of the Nice (72211770)

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1.55am Five Comers (1989): Drama set in 1990s New York (903975)

3.30 The Moderns (1989): Tale of Americans in 1920s Paris (19425271). Ends at 5.40

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4.80pm Mr. Ed. (4208) 4.30 Patricost Junction (4208) 5.00 The New Leeve It To Beaver (1464) 5.30 Greenacrae (138) 6.00 Here's Lucy (1761) 6.30 F Troop (2003) 7.00 McHale's Nery (1403) 7.30 The Addems Family (1515) 8.00 Are You Being Served? (5747) 8.30 Belos (5684) 9.00 Hogan's Heroes (63770) 9.30 Here's Lucy (69515) 10.00 In Living Color (38157) 10.30 The Addems Family (14577)

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(7814512; (12.40pm) American Supercross
(184436); (1.40) Athletics (1256138); (2.30)
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RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm.
6.00am World Service World News 6.09 News about Britain 6.15 The World Today 6.30

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7.00 Morning Concert: Couperin
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oboe, Hank de Wit, baseoon,
Ursule Duetschler,
harpsichter); Berück (Dance
Suite, Sz 77; Bedapest
Festival Orchestra under Man
Fischer) Fischer)

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D'Indy (Sazabande and
Minuel, Op 24: Pascal Roge,
piano, Catherine Cantin, flute,
Maurice Bourgue, oboe,
Michel Portal, clarinet, Amaury
Wallez, bassoon, André
Cazalet, homj; Lekeu
(Fantasia on Pivo Folk Songs:
Liège PO under Pierre
Bartholomée); CastelnuovoTedesco (Sonatina, Op 205:
William Bennett, flute, Simon William Bennett, flute, Simon

8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Rossni. A comparison of the operas if viaggio a Rems and Ls Comte Cry

(Harpsichord Suite No 4-Robert Woolley); Elgar (Overture, in the South, Alassio: BBC Northern SO-under Vernon Handley); Brahms (Sonata in Finjinor, B flat, HWV 434: Robert Woolley): Britten (A M D G: BBC Singers under John Poole): Brahms (Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Handel:

3.00 A Little Byrd: Hillier
Ensemble under Paul Hillier
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World: The 1991 Aberdeen
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five programmes in which Francis Wilford Smith examines the work of planists who have contributed to plane

 CHOICE: This seemingly Lithuaniere deported to

resistated the memoral and resets them tonight. The finking music, by the Lithuanian composer Bronius Kutaviëus, is almost: unbearably poignant 8.40 Rostov String Chartet plays Thomas Wilson (Quartet No 4);

11.30 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the

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12.10pm Oreschtza Report (12805052)
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RADIO 3

Wynberg, gultar); Haydri (Symphony No 10 in D: Austro-Hungerian Haydri Orchestra Ti-under Adam Fischer)

Op 120 No 1: Peter Schidlof, viola, Ernest Lush, ptanio); Handel (Harpsichord Suite in

Jeffrey Kahane, piano) ' 11.25 BBC Welsh SO under Guido Amone-Marsan personse Bersoz (Overture, Roman

2.00 Soundings (r) 3.00 A Little Byrd: Hillisrd

Auturian (Fumpet Concerto: Martin Watter); Shostakovich-(Symphony No 5) 5.30 Mainly for Placeture 6.30 The Honky-Tonk Man: Montana Taylor, The first of

7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear. The American photographer William Eggleston talks about his vision of the Deep South 7.30 Royal Cor 7.30 Royal Concertablouw Orchestra under Riccardo Chalify performs Bruckner (Symphotry No 5 in B fist) (r) 9.00 From the Forever Prozen

> endless recital of physical and mental torments suffered by the teenage Dalla Grinkeviewie and other Siberia in 1941, has the effect of gradually anaesthetising us to the full extent of the to the the extent of the horrors. It is, moreover, a story of persecution that continued into the 1950s, although its nature was to become more insidious. Zinvila Roche trenslated the memoirs and

10.45 Early Brahms and Late Beethoven: The plantst Bernard Roberts plays Brahms (Ballades, Op 10); Beethoven (Sonets in A flet, Op 110)

RADIO 4

(s) Starec on FM
5.55ath Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing 6.10 Farming
Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.20 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00,
7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55,
7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport
7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40
Yesterday in Parliament 8.58
Weather
9.00 News

9.00 Name 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the singer-songwriter Eivis Costello (s) (r)

9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley 10.00-10.30em End of a Line (FM

only: Knackers

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staughter, albeit to terminate
suffering, is something you
would prefer not to know about, then you should switch to Radio 4 LW until 10.30. Paul Helney's latest report on an endangered human species is about the men who remove injured, dying or dead animals from farms and, if their flesh is good, prepare them for pets' food, BSE (mad cow disease) and tough EC health ns are putting the reckers out of busin

Krackers out of business, and End of a Line explains why this is a prospect which should alarm every one of us 18.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.16 The Bible (LW only) Isaseh, Read by David Neal (7 of 18) 10.30 Woman's Hour from Birminchen, lerci kills Birmingham. Jenni Mills explores the connections between faith and practice.

Programme: Jessica Holm invites esteners to contribute to a book on people and plants in Britain 12.00 You and Yours, with John

Incl 11.00 News

11.30 The Natural History

12.25pm The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with James Cox 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 Classic Serial: Buddenbrooks - The Decline of a Family.
Second of a six-part

diamatisation of Thomas Menn's novel (s) (r) 3.00 Special Assignment

Johns (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin looks at the difficulties of transporting a 2,000-ton motorway bridge by lorry
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20-8.05 Pick of the Week (FM only), with Chris Serie (s)
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.05 Arg Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in London by Simon Jenkins, editor of The Times: Charles Kenneth.

3.30 Booksheff: Sir John Harvey-Jones, and Stuart Rock of The Densclar, join Nigel Forde to discuss the vanety and value of business books; and Wendy Permain talks about her novel, Blird Inatria to

Bird Inside (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Kateldoscope visits the Van
Gogh in England exhibition at

company's touring production of 4 Marys (s) 4.46 Short Story: A Bekkersdel Marathon, by Herman Charles Bosman, Read by Stratford

the Barbican; reports on the National Film Theetre's trabute to Bette Davis; and reviews Second Stride dance

The Times; Charles Kennedy, MP, president of the Liberal Democrats; Joan Ruddock, MP, Labour party transport apokeswomen; and Norman Tebbit, MP 8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel

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Berlins 9.15 Kalekto Kaleidoscope: More Caribbean Than Ever, Lucy Caribbeen Than Ever, Lucy Duran attends a music festival in Mexico's Yucatan peninsular (s) (r) 9.45 Letter from America by

Alistair Cooke
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Last 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Last
Days of William Shakespeare,
by Vlady Kociancich (5 of 10)
11.00 Week Ending: A saturical
review of the week's news
with Sally Grace, David Tate,
Geoff McGivern and Simon
Godley (s)

Geoff McGivern and Smon Godley (e) 11.25 The Financial Week, with Nigel Cassidy (e) 11.45 Today in Partiement 12.00-12.43em News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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